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Judge's 'Slap in the Face' For Holocaust Victims

German Court Suspends Prison Term Of Rightist Sentenced for Hate Crime

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BONN — The German government, Jewish leaders and politicians of all major parties heaped scorn Wednesday on a decision by a Mannheim court to suspend the one-year sentence of an extreme-right party leader convicted of inciting racial hatred against Jews.

The court, describing Günter A. Deckert, the chairman of the 5,000-member National Democratic Party, as a dedicated family man and a "strong-willed, responsible personality with clear principles who defends his political views with great dedication," ruled that he probably would not repeat the crime — publicly denying the existence of the Holocaust — now that he knew it was against the law.

The court found Mr. Deckert, an unrepentant German ultranationalist all his adult life, guilty. But the understanding language it used to describe his resentment of Jews for demanding reparations for a crime he refused to recognize was "a slap in the face of all victims of the Holocaust," Justice Minister Sabine Lentheusser-

Schnarrenberger said Wednesday.

A government spokesman said Chancellor Helmut Kohl regretted the "bad signals" stemming from the decision. The spokesman, Norbert Schaefer, said Mr. Kohl welcomed the fact that the Manniheim public processors had ledged and heim public prosecutor had lodged an ap-

Heiner Geissler, a leading member of Mr. Kohl's Christian Democratic Union, also denounced the ruling.

the decision proves, unfortunately, that right-wing radical thinking has also penetrated the thinking of a few judges, and the heads of some people in German justice," he said. "You can practically read the decision as a legal guide to how to deny the Holocaust and make anti-Semijic statements without fear of punishment." Ignatz Bubis, chairman of the Central

next time. It also rejected the view that Mr. Deckert should have been given a harsher sentence because of the more than 5,000 far-right attacks against Jews, foreign asy-lum-seekers and Turkish families that have taken 24 lives in Germany since 1992. The entire trial produced no evidence that the accused has ever called for vio-

lence, and in the proceedings he expressly and credibly distanced himself from such occurrences," the court said. Germany's domestic security service the Federal Office for the Protection of the

Council of Jews in Germany, said the presiding judge, Wolfgang Müller, had put Mr. Deckert on a "pedestal."

The same court found Mr. Deckert gailty in 1992 of inciting racial hatred after he organized a meeting in Weinheim at which he translated and embellished a speech casting doubt on the Holocaust by

an American skeptic, Fred A. Leuchter Jr.

Earlier this year Germany's highest court ordered Mr. Deckert retried on the

ground that he could be convicted only if he had publicly expressed views that were

clearly his own. Mr. Lenchter, who lives in Massachusetts, was also charged, but has

In June the three-judge Mannheim court that convicted him retried Mr. Deckert, a

51-year-old former high school teacher. In its latest ruling, published this week, the

court found no doubt that at the meeting in November 1991, he had clearly violated

German law by telling the audience that

the Holocaust was a myth perpetrated by

"a parasitical people who were using a

historical lie to muzzle and exploit Germa-

The court rejected his appeal for acquit-tal but suspended his sentence in the ex-

pectation that he would be more careful

not yet been tried.

Constitution, classified Mr. Deckert's party in its 1993 annual report as an extremist See RULING, Page 5

MEETING IN THE DESERT - Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, speaking at a press conference Wednesday in the Gaza Strip after holding talks at an Israeli military base. Page 5.

U.S. Prepares Sea Blockade To Prevent **Cuban Flight**

But Washington Seems Confident Častro Won't Incite Massive Boatlift

> By Daniel Williams and Ann Devroy Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The White House believes that President Fidel Castro of Cuba will not spur a mass exodus of refugees to the United States, as he did in 1980. but Washington bas prepared plans for a sea blockade off Florida in case be does.

A senior U.S. official said Washington bad received "what we take to be assurances" by Havana that an organized, government-incited exodus is not planned. U.S. intelligence experts have presented the same conclusion.

"We believe, and bave had external indi-cations to this effect, that something similar to Mariel is not going to happen," the senior official said.

He was referring to the mass sailing of boats in 1980 from Mariel with 140,000 Cubans, many of whom bad been taken to the boats, at Mr. Castro's orders, directly from prisons and mental hospitals.

A U.S. government task force, formed last week, has reviewed contingency plans to blockade the Florida Straits to prevent vessels from leaving Florida to pick up Cubans, and to intercept any boats on their way from Cuba.

Cubans reported a fourth hijacking Tuesday, a naval auxiliary vessel. The U.S. Coast Guard intercepted the craft at sea.

Over the weekend, officials moved quickly to calm emotions in the large community of Cubans in Miami, urging exile leaders to ignore any invitations from Mr.

Castro to organize another boatlift. Faced with even a remote possibility of a flood of Cuban refugees. President Bill Clinton appears determined to avoid mistakes of the kind laid to President Jimmy Carter during the 1980 exodus. That year, President Castro maneuvered

his way out of domestic unrest over living conditions by channeling tens of thou-sands of Cubans to the United States.

exiles living in Florida supplied the vessels.

At Mr. Castro's invitation, the craft converged on Mariel to pick up the Cubans.

All this happened while Mr. Carter, who had declared his heart "open" to the refugees, looked on passively. The chaotic flow of boat people strained Florida and other communities and contributed to Mr. Carter's downfall in the elections that year.

Plans call for U.S. ships to seize vessels suspected of carrying refugees. If there is a mass influx, refugees would be moved quickly from Florida to camps elsewhere and Justice Department officials would rusb to Florida to deal with critics. News agencies reported:

Twenty-four Cubans who set out for Florida on a hijacked Cuban vessel were detained after being taken to Key West.

The Cuban government initially con-tended that a Cuban Navy lieutenant had been killed in the hijacking Tuesday and demanded that the escapees be returned as

A U.S. Coast Guard officer said the refugees insisted no one had been killed, and Havana officials seemed to be backing (AP. Reuters) off that allegation.

Risking China's Wrath, U.S. Plans to Upgrade Taiwan Ties

By Patrick E Tyler

WASHINGTON pected to approve a policy change in the next few weeks and raise the political standing of Taiwan, a step that is likely to anger Beijing.

Administration officials said that the policy review

was on the president's desk awaiting final choices on some options. But in its overall thrust, the new policy will recognize Taiwan's growing economic power in Asia and elevate the status of its diplomats and business representatives.

Communist government in Beijing, which has claimed Taiwan's seat on the UN Security Council and bas persuaded dozens of countries to switch their diplomatic allegiance to Beijing.

The leadership in Beijing has reacted angrily to earlier attempts to bolster Taiper's diplomatic standing and there have been sharp recriminations over continuing American military sales to Taiwan. Ad-

jing and Taipei on accords relating to fishing and the return of airplane hijackers indicates that Beijing may have tried to preempt the administration with a clear signal that its dispute with Taiwan is an internal Chinese affair.

One practical result of the policy change will be to make it easier for Taipei officials and diplomats to meet in U.S. government buildings to discuss trade, commerce, military assistance and other issues with

But it will leave Taiwan's legal position as an ministration officials expressed hope that the new estranged province of "one China" unchanged, thus policy would draw only a mild rebuke.

American officials. It will also make it easier for officials from Taiwan to visit the United States and officials from Taiwan to visit the United States and officials from Taiwan officials to visit Taiwan.

In an embarrassing episode in May, President Lee Teng-bui of Taiwan was not allowed to leave his airplane or sleep overnight on U.S. soil during a refueling stop in Hawaii on his way to Central America. The incident infuriated members of Congress, who bave since invited Mr. Lee to visit their districts. Taiwan imported \$16 billion in U.S. goods last

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Greenspan Gives Clear Sign That Rates Will Rise

By Lawrence Malkin

NEW YORK — Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, warned Wednesday against the dangers of falling behind inflation, apparently signal-ing that higher interest rates next week were a done deal. The only question was by

Mr. Greenspan testified before a House Commerce subcommittee inquiring into the reliability of economic statistics, and said their lists of shortcomings were "depressingly long." Therefore, by the time the government's price indexes show that inflation has actually taken hold, he warned, "many imbalances that are costly to rectify have developed aheady.".

This was taken by Fed watchers on Wall Street as one more sign that when the Federal Open Market Committee meets Tuesday to discuss monetary policy, it will raise interest rates by as much as half a percentage point on the federal funds rate. which sets the wholesale cost of money in the U.S. banking system and now stands at

4.25 percent. Yields on 30-year Treasury bonds, which started the week at 7.53 percent, rose to 7.57 percent. The threat of higher rates also took the shine off this week's Treasury bond anctions, which mainly drew wholesale buyers Tuesday and

The dollar, meanwhile, rose to 1.5844 Deutsche marks here, from 1.5818 Tues-

day, and to 101.425 yen from 101.295. The dollar was held up not only by the lure of higher rates but by Mr. Greenspan's strongest statement of the day. In response to Congressional questioning about the currency and noting that he had said so before, the Fed Chairman re-

"It is very crucial that we recognize that See RATES, Page 5

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Imperiled Bangladeshi Author Escapes to Sweden

STOCKHOLM - Tamila Nasrin, the Bangladeshi

writer under a death threat from Islamic extremists, fled Wednesday to Sweden, where she went into hiding. In Bangladesh, fundamentalist groups denounced the government for having let Dr. Nasrin leave, and they threatened to topple the government unless she was

brought back and put on trial. Swedish officials welcomed Dr. Nasrin, whose plight has been likened to that of Salman Rushdie, the Indianborn author who has spent years in seclusion since Iran

The Swedish minister of culture, Birgit Friggebo, said

Dr. Nasrin had been "forced to leave her country for using ber natural rights to write and say whatever she

The only comment from the author on Wednesday came in a statement distributed by Sweden's branch of the PEN international writers' organization, which is bosting ber. "I've come to Sweden," she was quoted as

saying, "to rest and work."

Dr. Nasrin bad spent two months in hiding in Bangladesh, where Muslim fundamentalists were infuriated by a newspaper article that quoted her as urging a revision of the Koran. Extremist groups offered a \$5,000 reward for ber death.

Dr. Nasrin, 32, has said she was misquoted. But she has called for changes in strict rules that limit many women in Bangladesb to housework and child-rearing.

In Bangladesh, Abdul Kader Mollah, spokesman for Bangladesh's leading fundamentalist party, Jamaatelslami, said the government "will bave to pay a very heavy price" for allowing ber to go.

"If the government fails to bring her back to the country and put her on trial, the people will topple the government and put its leaders on trial for betraying the cause of Islam," said Shafiul Alam Prodhan, spokesman

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Judge Juan José Galeano in Buenos Aires after issuing arrest warrants.

Argentina Seeks Arrest of 4 Iran Envoys **Buenos Aires Investigation Traces Blast to Tehran Government**

By Gabriel Escobar

BUENOS AIRES - The Argentine judge who ordered the arrest of four Iranian diplomats in connection with a July 18 terrorist attack bas based his case ennirely on information provided by a former Iranian diplomat, a man who is under protective custody in Venezuela and whose back-

ground is still very much a mystery. Judge Juan José Galeano's preliminary conclusions, delivered three weeks after a bomb leveled a Jewish center, offer a first look into the Argentine government's investigation and, as predicted, place Iranian diplomats at the center of the worst terrorist attack in the country's history.

Although Judge Galeano's report is a preliminary finding, his request for the

"capture" of Iranian diplomats immediately raises the stakes of the investigation. for the first time establishing a legal link between the terrorist attack and the government of Iran. Both the United States and Israel had blamed the attack on Islamic fundamentalists with ties to Tehran but bad offered no evidence.

President Carlos Saul Menem, who called Judge Galeano's investigation "ex-ceptional" and "spectacular," said in a radio interview that the foreign ministry was assessing what actions to take against Iran and hinted its ambassador may be asked to leave. Tehran's ambassador here, Hadi Soleiman Pour, was summoned by Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella tonight for a third consultation in as many weeks.

Judge Galeano, an investigating magis-

trate, concludes there is sufficient information to order the arrest of four former Iranian diplomats, based on the accounts of their activines provided by the informant in Venezuela. The four — Ahmad Allameh Falsafi, Mahvash Monsel Gholamreza, Akbar Parvaresch and Ahbas Zarrahi Krorasani - are believed to be in Iran and are accused by the informant of being members of the terrorist group Hez-

bollah, or Party of God. Judge Galeano's report also concludes that the beadquarters of the Argentine Jewish Mutual Association was leveled by a bomb placed inside a minivan, a tactic he said has been used by Hezbollah against other targets around the world. The attack on the Jewish center, described as the

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Internet: Superhighway or 2-Lane Road?

By Peter H. Lewis New York Times Service

Has the Internet been over-hyped?

Even as cyberspace is being touted as the hippest place to congregate since the original Woodstock, some experts now contend that estimates of the number of people actively using the Internet web of computer networks may be grossly exaggerated.

There is still widespread agreement that the growth of the Internet, and the number of people using it, is exponential: It is viewed as doubling in size every year. But some network experts say the most commonly cited numbers - 20 million to 30 attempts to estimate the Internet's reach

million users worldwide - may be many

"Suppose there were really only 2 million or 3 million," said John S. Quarter-man, a highly regarded Internet demographer in Austin, Texas.

Mr. Quarterman, in an assessment potentially chilling to all the businesses betting millions of dollars on the premise that they can sell advertising, information and products to the Internet masses, believes that his lower numbers may be a more accurate count of people who are activeand reachable on the computer network.

The latest comprehensive survey that

discovered more than 3.2 million "host" computers capable of communicating directly with other computers on the Inter-

The data, released late last week by the consultants Network Wizards of Menlo Park, California, marked a stunning increase of 1 million additional machines since the survey was last taken in January.

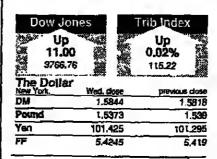
But while Mr. Quarterman and some other experts do not dispute this raw count of Internet computers, they take issue with the survey's assumption that each of those machines represents an internet port of

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KISHINEV, Moldova (Reuters) -Russia and Moldova said Wednesday they had agreed on a three-year timetable for the withdrawal of an estimated 15,000 Russian troops from the small southwestern former Soviet republic.

Negotiators who initialed the draft agreement told a news conference in the Moldovan capital of Kishinev that the agreement would come into force as soon as the two governments bad approved the text and the leaders of the two states had signed it.

Both Serbs and Muslims Are Threatened With Air Strikes

By Chuck Sudetic

New York Times Service SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The United Nations military commander in Bosnia for the first time warned both Bosnian government and rebel Serbian officials of possible NATO air strikes in response to flagrant violations of a weapons exclusion zone around Sarajevo. UN and Bosnian officials said Wednesday.

The warning came in a letter to Bosnian government leaders and a local Serbian commander from the UN military commander in Sarajevo. Sir Michael Rose, after heavy artillery duels near the towns of Visoko, Breza and Ilijas on Tues-

UN officials said Wednesday that the Serbs had been firing from within the 20-kilometer (12-mile) zone at targets outside the zone with 120mm mortars, 152mm howitzers and other

weapons and had brought up a T-72 tank. The officials said the less-well-equipped Bosnian Army forces had fired into Serhian-con-trolled areas of the exclusion zone with mortars. was working to arrange a meeting with the com-manders of the Muslim-dominated Bosnian

both from areas within and outside of the zone. The warning to the Bosnian government is ironic because the exclusion zone around Sarajevo was established in a North Atlantic Treaty Organization ultimatum that was meant to end a -month Serbian bombardment of Sarajevo.

Western diplomats here expressed concern that the UN had in recent days proposed measures that would hamper Bosnia's legal armed forces from attempting to take back territory seized by the Serbs.

"We've got to be seen doing something." a UN official said Wednesday, adding that Lieutenant General Rose was satisfied that fighting had died down in the Visoko-Breza-Ilijas area and that no air strikes were planned.

"The response to Rose's sharp note to both sides appears to have calmed the situation," another UN official said, adding that the general

Army and the Serbs, General Rasim Delic and General Ratko Mladic.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization car-ried out an air strike against a Serbian anti-tank weapon on Friday in the first enforcement of the weapons exclusion zone since it took force in

The zone applies to both the Serbian rebels and Bosnia's legal government. UN officials said it was clear that General Rose had issued the warning as a reminder to the Muslims.

The general's warning is the clearest manifestation yet of the concern of UN officials here that a Muslim offensive southeast of the town of Vares might cause a major rupture in the exclusion zone, prompting NATO to carry out an air strike against the Serbs that could spiral out of

UN officials have complained since last week

that the Bosnian Army was using the exclusion. zone to its tactical advantage around Visoko and Breza in the offensive from Vares.

The offensive, Bosnian Army officers said, is aimed at driving the Serbs from a key road running southward from the towns of Tuzla and

UN officials have expressed concern for days that the Muslim offensive might trigger a massive Serbian retaliation, including new attempts hy the Serbs to remove tanks and artillery pieces from UN-guarded weapons-collection centers inside the exclusion zone.

A Serbian seizure of five heavy weapons from a UN-guarded weapons depot inside the zone prompted General Rose to call in the demonstration NATO air strike on Friday.

General Rose has also called for placing Canadian peacekeepers between the advancing Mus-lims and the Serbian forces in the area. But the Muslims refused.

WORLD BRIEFS

Successor to Delors Answers Critics, Insisting He's 'European-Minded'

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - Jacques Santer, president-designate of the European Commission, said on Wednesday that attacks on his appointment had been unfair and that he was committed to a strong executive in a decentralized European Union.

Mr. Santer, Luxembourg's prime minister, was widely portrayed as the lowest-common-denominator candidate, a weak president to run a weak commission, when he was named last month to replace Jacques Delors. They were unfair," Mr. Santer said, "I was a European-minded man. All my behavior was pro-

"I was always committed to a strong, political commission," he said, citing his work in helping negotiate both the Single Market

Act and the Maastricht Treaty. Mr. Santer gave few details on the EU's review of the Maas-trichi Treaty, a process likely to lead to bitter disputes over the bloc's future. But he said he favored strengthening joint EU foreign policy and legal enforcement, and increasing the role of the European Parliament in deciding EU legislation.

France Detains 6 More Algerians

PARIS (Reuters) - France interned six more suspected Algerian Muslim fundamentalists on Wednesday, raising to 23 the number seized since the slaying last week of five French government employees in Algiers, the Interior Ministry said.

The action followed a fourth night of identity checks in the French capital About 10 000 people have been subjected to a second control of the state of the same and t

French capital. About 10,000 people have been subjected to spot checks since Saturday and 149 have been detained, mostly for-

interior Minister Charles Pasqua said the crackdown was not about to ease, although he denied that it had any direct link to the Algerian violence. Algeria, keen to show it was making progress in the charles are the belief three French gendarmes and the hunt for the gunmen who killed three French gendarmes and two consular officials, announced that security services had identified their leader as a man named Djemal Zitouni, 26, who it said was an activist in the outlawed Islamic Salvation Front.

Judge Opposes French AIDS Retrial

PARIS (Reuters) — France's senior judge said on Wednesday he would oppose a retrial, for poisoning, of former officials already tried on lesser charges over the contamination of hemophiliacs by AIDS-tainted blood transfusions.

Pierre Drai, first president of the Cour de Cassation, France's supreme court, told TF1 television that sending them back to court would be contrary to the very basis of the country's legal

Recently, an investigating magistrate opened fresh inquiries for poisoning against two former health officials, Michel Garretta and Jean-Pierre Allain, who were jailed on relatively minor charges over the 1985 contamination of some 1,250 hemophiliaes by AIDS-tainted blood products. More than 400 have died.

Clinton Aides to Meet With Bishops

WASHINGTON (NYT) - Despite a disagreement on abortion, the United States has invited Roman Catholic bishops to meet with Clinton officials to explore other areas where they may be able to reconcile their positions before a United Nations population conference next month in Cairo.

The administration seems determined to play down the abortion issue and to emphasize areas where Washington and the Vatican share goals, even as the church attacks proposals supported by the United States.

Timothy E, Wirth, undersecretary of state for global affairs, conceded that it was unlikely the Vatican and the administration. would agree on abortion.

Fast Escape Averts Korea Tragedy SEOUL (AP) — A Korean Air jet battered by gale-force winds skidded off a runway after a forced landing Tuesday, but all 160

people aboard escaped before the plane burst into flames.

The pilot of the Airbus A-300 had tried unsuccessfully to abort the landing on the southern resort island of Cheju. But winds slammed the jet to the ground and it rammed into a safety barricade at the end of the runway and canght fire, officials said. Within two minutes, the 152 vacationers and eight crew members who had boarded in Seoul scrambled down an escape chute

to safety, Korean Air officials said. Nine people - all from South

ents, and if she lived she would Korea — were slightly injured. crowded orphanages created at U.S. and North Korea Adjourn Talks GENEVA (AP) - The chiefs of the U.S. and North Korear delegations abruptly adjourned Wednesday during a third day of

talks aimed at resolving a dispute over North Korea's nuclear A spokesman for the U.S. diplomatic mission said technical experts from the two sides would meet as necessary later in the day. But he said there were no plans for Robert L. Gallucci, head of the U.S. delegation, and his North Korean counterpart, Kang

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Sok Ju, to have evening negotiations as originally scheduled.

Rome Palace to Be Opened to Public

ROME (Reuters) - Rome'a Quirinale Palace, built as a summer retreat for Popes and now the seat of Italy's president, will open to the public on Sundays starting in October, the palace announced Wednesday.

"The Quirinale bas been open to visitors since 1993, but it was difficult for an ordinary citizen since people had to book in advance. We want everyone to be able to see the many outstanding works of art," a spokesman said.

An official statement said visitors would be able to tour some of the most richly appointed rooms of the palace, begun in 1573 by Pope Gregory XIII, between 9 A.M. and 1 P.M. on Sundays. Visits will be free.

Lightning killed two people as storms lasted France Wednesday, damaging buildings, cutting power lines and forcing tourists to abandon flooded camping grounds. Gusts of winds reached 115 kilometers (70 miles) an hour.

British Airways plans to resume flights to Beirut on Dec. 5. It stopped service 11 years ago. Flights to Amman, Jordan, which were stopped in March 1990, are scheduled to begin on the same

Two cases of cholera have been reported in Alma-Ata, the capital of Kazakhstan, and the cholera virus has been found in a river winding through the city, Health Ministry officials said Wednes-

Ground staff workers of Philippine Airlines clashed in Manila with security guards after a strike to protest the dismissal of union members involved in a June walkout. The airline said a flight to Hong Kong was canceled and several domestic flights were

Burundi Pulls Back From Edge of Strife

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
BUJUMBURA, Burundi — Heavily armed troops tightened security in Burundi's capital Wednesday after a two-day strike and ethnic clashes threatened to tear the country apart and disrupted aid supplies to

refugees from Rwanda. Life slowly returned to normal in the capital and aid offi-cials said relief operations for refugees in Rwanda and eastern Zaire, halted by clashes in which 15 people were killed. were back on track.

Some shops, a bank and a few markets reopened after closing Monday and Tuesday and people trickled back to their offices in Bujumbura under guard of soldiers, policemen and gendarmes. But many residents remained indoors.

The defense minister, Colonel Gedeon Fyiroko, ordered the army late Tuesday to restore order, the BBC reported.

ln a statement on Burundi Radio, Colonel Fyiroko warned that the armed forces "intended

fully to perform their role of

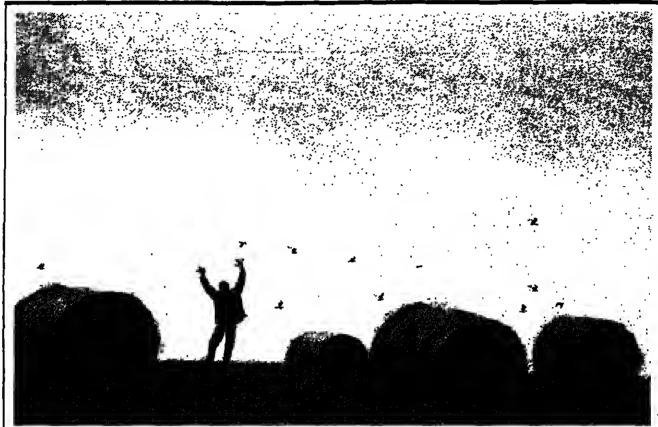
protecting all citizens." Troops with heavy machine guns were deployed at all entrances to the city and in the northern suburbs, Bujumbura's hotbed of unrest where Tutsi youths were engaged in anti-Hutu protests.

"The situation is returning to normal," said Daniel Philippin, chief delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross. "People are coming back to their offices and there is

some traffic on the road." Trouble was sparked by the arrest on Sunday of an opposi-tion politician, Mathias Hitimana, leader of the Tutsi-led Party for the Reconciliation of

The arrest coincided with a civil unrest campaign called by groups that accuse the government of oppressing the Hutu majority in Burundi. The accusation followed a campaign to confiscate arms in areas inhabited hy Hutu.

(Reuters, AFP)



FRIGHT SCHOOL - A Scotsman perfecting his technique as a human scarecrow in Orkney, Scotland. The Scottish Natural Heritage plans to recruit people to attempt to scare off migratory Barnacle Geese that descend on Orkney every year. The geese, who are no longer fooled by traditional scarecrows, destroy acres of pastureland.

At Zaire Refugee Clinic, Few Victories in Battle With Death

By Jane Perlez

New York Times Service KIBUMBA, Zaire - The collectors of dead bodies ran up the hill to the Red Cross clinic struggled to keep up with the with a hundle wrapped in the flood of patients that had apthreads of a blue gingham dress they had found along the road. They bad noticed faint breathing and instead of putting the hundle, a girl, on the truck for burial they carried her bere.

A few minutes later she was on the ground in the tent with the most serious cases, two doctors kneeling over ber, a nurse

"Good," said Dr. Lee Miller, as he felt her body.

There was still life. But because her blood pressure was so low it was difficult to find a vein in which to insert an intravenous drip. The doctors tried the tibia, her groin, the peritoneal cavity in her abdomen, her neck. Finally a vein in her left hand succumbed to the needle. "Get some penicillin solution," one of the doctors said to an orderly.

The girl, about 3, was just one of the 2,000 cases the staff at this makeshift 12-tent clinic would see as they tried to impose some order for yet another day of medical services for the more than 200,000 refugees at the camp here.

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS - American veterans, who succeeded

in making parachute jumps in Normandy during

celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of D-Day, accuse French authorities of blocking a

similar jump this weekend during commemora-

tions of the Allied invasion of southern France.

can paratroopers who brushed aside official con-

cern to jump in Normandy and he wants to

repeat the exploit in Provence, where early on Aug. 15, 1944, he jumped into occupied France

But Mr. Shaker, along with four other veterans who traveled to France at their own expense for comment.

shead of the seaborne landing.

Ken Shaker, 78, was among the former Ameri-

d Herald Tribun

But it could hardly be called order as three doctors and four nurses flown in by the Red Cross and 10 Rwandan nurses peared by 11 A.M.

As the general health of the refugees has declined with the onset of dysentery, malnutriclinics that have been organized by the Red Cross and other agencies are overwhelmed. diarrhea, sbigella dysentery, meningitis.

As tension heightens in the camps because food is in such short supply, machete fights have started. There have been several cases of machete wounds every day for the last he bad to cut off. few days. Four patients came into this clinic on Friday with

gunshot wounds after a Zairian soldier shot and killed a Rwandan refugee and wounded oth-"I've been traveling the world

for 15 years doing this — the Iran-Iraq war, Somalia, Beirut, Chad during the Chad-Libyan war, and I've never seen anything like this," said Dr. Fertion and general weariness, the nando de la Victor Nobre, a Portuguese surgeon, who was operating in the trauma tent. "Medically, it is extremely diffi-Cholera has almost disap- cult because the poor people are peared, but other scourges bave exhausted and hungry. There's appeared: acute debydration, a lot of injured people and a lot of old wounds.

Dr. de la Victor Nobre was cutting the gangrene out of the side of a woman's foot and had a cardboard box on the grass beside him as the disposal bin for bad tissue and the small toe

the occasion, said Wednesday that their jump

arrangements had been blocked, apparently be-

jump of U.S. veterans in Normandy, and they're

afraid of seeing us spoil their attempt to mini-mize the importance of U.S. forces in the land-

involved higher risks than those in Normandy

because of unpredictable winds, rough terrain

and helicopter traffic. A local parachute school,

which canceled its agreement to the jump on a

site it rents from the government, refused

"They saw all the publicity that attached to the

Mr. Shaker said in a telephone interview. ing," Mr. Shaker said in a telephone interview.

He brushed aside claims by French officials
and U.S. diplomats that conditions in Provence

cause of official French disapproval.

A small silver box of surgical tools - two pairs of scissors, a

knife and a few other instru- struck with a machete as he and life," said Dr. Miller, as the ments — was at his side as he another man fought over a bag crouched on the ground beside of food at the distribution of the stretcher that served as an operating table. He had no general anesthetic and no blood

supply on band. His patient, Jacqueline Nyirakomeye, bad only a local anesthetic. She was wide awake as Los Angeles who has volun-the doctor cleaned away the teered here. "Recently one perlayers of pus deep into the foot. son had an arm hanging off."

She said nothing, even though

And then there is the con-She said nothing, even though his cutting and scraping caused stant flood of infectious cases, her a lot of pain, the doctor mostly dysentery and meningi-

few more days and I would have bad to cut it bere." her ankle.

Outside Dr. de la Victor raised questions about whether, Nohre's tent, Tharcisse Hiti- with thousands of children and mana, 25, sat with a dirty piece adults seeking help, so much of material tied around his time should be spent on this head, soaked with fresh blood one.

"I haven't seen them so bor-

French officials and the U.S. Embassy in Paris

said that last-minute authorization was still a

possibility, but insisted that the commemora-

tions fully recognized the role of U.S. forces in

the campaign that routed the Germans in a week.
U.S. and British Army jump teams will stage

A top French military decoration will be given

UN supplies on Sunday morn-"We've had a few stabbings a

day," said Dr. Miller, an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of California-

The case of the 3-year-old girl was the most dramatic of the he said, indicating a position at morning. And because ber prognosis seemed so poor, it

Bill Clinton.

huts. Their intravenous drips tiowing from a wound on the "I haven't seen them so bor-back of his skull. He had been derline; they usually bave more on the solution to drink from the bag. Eight patients were in the Hutu Soldiers Kill Refugee Who Urged Return to Rwanda tent overnight. The girl was the youngest. For those like her with no relatives, the drips are

skeletal girl, suffering from se-

vere malnutrition and an undi-

agnosed infection, lay on the ground wrapped in blue plastic,

the equivalent here of a sheet, the equivalent here of a sheet. The prognosis is horrendous and it is probably not the most appropriate use of resources to take the time of two doctors and a nurse. But it's not easy to

walk away."
The child had no known par-

end up in one of the eight over-

But her survival was highly

unlikely. The clinic is only a

daytime operation. At 5 P.M.

the doctors, nurses and 30

Rwandan volunteers leave and

the patients who are able to go are sent back to their squalid

the camps.

kept running. A blanket is thrown over them and they are left alone at night.

3-year-old girl died.

three uniformed soldiers from the former than a million Rwandan refugees who fled to Zaire to return home. Relief organizations and UN agencies GOMA, Zaire - A Rwandan refugee has been stoned to death by Hutu soldiers of the former Rwandan Army in a Zairian working for the Rwanda Patriotic Front," said Panos Moumtzis, spokesman for the United Nations refugee agency. The Tutsi-dominated Patriotic Front The Tutsi-dominated Patriotic Front Tutsicamp after calling on refugees to return

home, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees said Wednesday.

kilometers (19 miles) north of Goma. by ethnic bloodbath and is encouraging more

The refugee was killed in Kihumba. 30 now governs Rwanda after a four-month the refugees from returning bome.

France Bars Parachute Replay in Provence, U.S. Veterans Say little involvement by Washington of the sort that helped ensure high American visibility during the events in Normandy attended by President

> In Provence, many of President François Mitterrand's top-ranking guests will be African heads of state from former French colonies that provided much of the French-commanded forces in the landings.

to Angelos Chatas, a retired petroleum engineer from Dallas. As a naval demolition specialist he Spearheading the assault were paratroopers, including Mr. Shaker's unit, the 509th Parachute belonged to an underwater sabotage team that swam ahead of the landing craft in Normandy Infantry Battalion. It fought in Italy at Anzio Despite this official tribute, a U.S. official and Montecassino and at the Battle of the Bulge, acknowledged that the Provence ceremonies had in which been shaped almost entirely by the French, with uninjured. in which only 50 of its 500 men survived

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Once Split, Business Is Now United Against Health Bills

By Michael Weisskopf Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - When health care reform was introduced last year, the idea split American ing, but corporations that once led the crusade business into factions - some for, some against, some scrambling to protect narrow interests. But as the long health care debate heads toward a conclusion, American business has reached a consensus that no change is preferable to the two major bills now before Congress.

This week the leaders of dozens of business groups merged into embryonic superlobbies, gathering in separate meetings to plot strategy for killing the bills drafted by the Senate majority leader, George J. Mitchell, Democrat of Maine, and the house majority leader, Richard A. Gephardt, Democrat of Missouri.

ship's proposals stripped of major corporate

Certainly, the bills retain some business backfor overhauling the system - such as the auto companies — are now wavering or moving to-ward outright opposition, according to informed

The American Association of Retired Persons, the largest U.S. organization for senior citizens, gave a major boost Wednesday to both Democratic health plans, warning that their defeat would kill health reform "for years to come." The Associated Press reported from

[The 33 million-member association endorsed Mr. Mitchell's and Mr. Gephardt's plans. Al-Many of the groups had embraced broad principles of reform, some even supporting key elements of President Bill Clinton's plan, and their joint opposition leaves the Democratic leader-

"We'd rather see no reform than bad reform."
said Larry Atkins, a lobbyist for the Corporate
Health Care Coalition, made up of 23 large
employers, including the International Business
Machines Corp. The group had supported employer mandates — requirements that employers
pay for part of their workers' insurance — but at
one of the strategy sessions Tuesday, Mr. Atkins
sat with the principal detractors of the adminis-

"As it became obvious that the Democratic leadership is not going to give up restructuring the health care system the way it wants, it pushed all of husiness off the fence for fear of what they actually may get," said John J. Motley, of the National Federation of Independent Business, at meeting called by the Senate minority leader, Bob Dole, Republican of Kansas, to oppose the

The collaboration of Mr. Motley's small husi-

health care reform will be dead for years to come."]

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None of the groups openly advocates a "pullthe plug" strategy, jargon for killing legislation at any cost. But in meetings in Mr. Dole's office and the downtown City Club, they agreed to jointly oppose the bills and hatch specific lobby-

If a united husiness front stands, it would be a first in the health care debate. Prospects were initially bright for broad reform, but the community split into blocs and fought hard for the specific interests of one industry group or

"Somehow the Democratic leadership has managed to unite the business groups in opposition to their proposals, which is a remarkable accomplishment," said Sean Sullivan, the president of a coalition of large and small businesses that collectively negotiate health plans.

Pied Piper of U.S.? Furor Over a Rat

Politicians Rush to Aid Man Charged in Death of Rodent

By Robert Hanley

New York Times Service
HILLSIDE. New Jersey
- Frank Balun lived a quiet life, except for a suint as a B-25 air gunner during World War II — until the day last month when he trapped and killed a rat that was the prime suspect in raiding his little tomato patch here.

For that crime, he was told, he could be sent to jail for six months and fined up

Outrageous, public opin-ion said. Outrageous, public officials said as they rallied around the 69-year-old

grandfather.
The administrator of the
Hillside Health Board, Angelo Bonano, said Mr. Balun
deserved "a medal."

"We encourage people to kill rats because they carry disease," Mr. Bonano said.

The state senator who represents Hillside, Wynona M. Lipman of Newark, has drafted an amendment to the state's animal-cruelty law, making it legal to kill rais, mice or any other ani-mals deemed by the state Health Department to pose a health threat.

Tuesday, the Union County prosecutor, Andrew K. Ruotolo Jr., told the Hillside municipal prosecutor, Christopher M. Howard, to drop all charges against Mr. Balun, in effect absolving him of any wrongdoing.

But Mr. Balun doesn't want the charges dropped. He wants vindication, and maybe a little vengeance.

His target is Lee Bernstein, executive director of the Associated Humane Society in Newark and the animal-rights enforcement officer who wrote Mr. Balun two tickets Aug. 2 and told him that he was in big trouhle if convicted of charges of "needlessly abusing" and killing a rat caught in a cage designed for trapping squir-

"I want to have my day in court," Mr. Balun said Tuesday at his kitchen table. "I want people to know this man abuses authority and should be curbed. What I did was with innocence, not with hatred or anger. If this doesn't go to court, what's to keep this man from doing this again to anybody? I just want to let him squirm a little."

Mr. Bernstein seems to have retreated a bit. "I think it's time we laid the matter to rest," be said hy telephone. "It's gotten out of proportion. They're making him the hero and me

the bad guy."

After all, Mr. Bernstein insisted, Mr. Balun hroke a law against cruelty to ani-

"The key is not what he did but how he did it," Mr. Bernstein said.

The rai, he said, was caught in a trap and deserved a "humane method of cuthanasia."

Mr. Balun says this is all Monday-morning quarterbacking. He was worried on July 28 that the rat would escape and perhaps bite him, his 6-year-old twin grandchildren who were visiting,

First Lady **Criticizes** Senate Bill As Untested

By Dana Priest Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton deviated from the administration script as Congress began debate on the Senate leadership bill her husband has praised "an un-tested approach."

She said a stronger House bill would have greater results in the immediate term for the peo-ple who need it most," the min-

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President Bill Clinton has embraced both House and Sen-ate leadership bills, although they are quite different, and he has refused to express a preference. He said the plan of the Senate majority leader, George J. Mitchell of Maine, would achieve universal coverage and "guarantee health care that could never be taken away," a claim Mr. Mitchell himself did

Speaking to reporters, Mrs. Clinton called Mr. Mitchell's work "very admirable" hut expressed skepticism that it would work as advertised. The bill rehes on insurance reforms and the population by 2000. Failing taut galaxy. ployers pay 50 percent of the cost of insurance for their employees would be considered.

The stronger House proposal would require employers to pay 80 percent of their workers' in-surance costs immediately.

Mr. Mitchell, she said, took the approach that "there are people in the Senate who honestly believe a voluntary market reform, incentive-driven approach will work." If that happens, "we should say hallelujah, we ought to be grateful."

But, she said, "We owe the American people something be-sides an untested approach, which is, we owe them a date certain for evaluating our pro-

Until last week, when the Mitchell plan was announced and it became clear no stronger plan would pass the Senate, the White House had insisted on a defined date for insurance cov-

crage. Mrs. Clinton maintained that there is "enormous reason to be both optimistic and confident about the outcome" in Congress and said the Clinton plan, which has been widely criticized, nonetheless "serves as a

But she acknowledged "how complicated and difficult a po-litical task this is" in an "overly information-loaded society."

Even President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who oversaw pas-sage of the landmark Social Security legislation, "didn't have to describe every jot and tittle" of that bill, she said. "He didn't have to carry around actuarial tables" or do "computer runs" on the different costs of cataract, surgery to convince the public of the need for change.

"What I do not like," Mrs. Clinton said, "is the amount of hatred that is being conveyed and really injected into our political system.

"This personal, vicious hatred that for the time being is being aimed at the president and, to a lesser extent, myself, is very dangerous for our political process," she said. "Those en-couraging it should think long and hard about the consequences of such encouragement."

Clinton aides said afterward that Mrs. Clinton had been shaken by the hostile reception she received in July when she spoke at a health care rally in Seattle. At the meeting, police confiscated two guns from one man and a knife from another. Protesters carried signs saying "Heil Hillary" and other personally derogatory messages, and she had to turn up her mi-crophone full blast to be heard over their chants.



Zapatista rebel recruits, with wooden "rifles," standing guard at a convention of dissidents in the Mexican state of Chiapas. The 5,000 delegates appealed for a vote against the ruling party in the Aug. 21 elections.

In Mexico, Skepticism Reigns

Disbelief Greets Vote Poll Showing a Rout

By Tim Golden

MEXICO CITY - With the approach of what is generally expected to be the most com-petitive presidential election in Mexico's modern history, most opinion polls report that there is not that much of a race at all.

The source of the paradox is this: Almost no Mexicans believe in the polls. Some of the latest surveys give the candidate

of the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party, Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León, more than a 20-point lead over his closest rival, Diego Fernandez de Cevallos of the right-ofcenter National Action Party. One relatively reputable national poll gives
Mr. Zedillo a more modest advantage of 14

leaged methodology, has shown an opposition candidate narrowly in the lead. Despite growing sophistication in the methods of the surveyors, however, polls in Mexico remain a metaphor for the extraordinary degree of skepticism surrounding the political

points. Only one recent study, of widely chal-

"The special problem in Mexico has nothing to do with the mechanics of doing the joh." said Warren Mitofsky, a American pollster who is organizing both a national exit poll and a quick system.

count of the results from the vote, on Aug. 21. The hard part is convincing anybody. Whether because the polls have been wrong

or the election results fraudulent, the two have or the election results fraudulent, the two have often diverged in the past. Before the 1988 presidential election, nearly all of the major polls taken gave Carlos Salinas de Gortari between 6 and 11 percentage points more than the 50.3 percent of the vote he was finally accorded, and even that result is widely believed to have been inflated by fraud. Newspapers influenced by or sympathetic to

the government have not been above altering the findings of opinion surveys in order to proclaim wide support for the PRI, as the governing party is called. Pollsters say it is almost routine for some of their clients to withhold publication of studies they commission if the results look bad for the government A spate of new laws and practices to protect

against traditional methods of governing-party fraud have brought only a modest rise in people's confidence that their votes will count. Some political analysts and polling experts believe that the unreliability of Mexican surveys may be a consequence as well as a symp-tom of people's lack of faith in their political

A Heavenly Halo May Be Evidence of Dark Matter

LONDON - A group of American astronomers has reported finding what could be government subsidies to pro- dark matter a key missing com-vide coverage to 95 percent of ponent of the universe, in a dis-

ior of the universe.

for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey, said an examination of a distant spiral galaxy found strong evidence of dark

While looking at the spiral Theories say dark matter is galaxy NGC5907, "we have different from normal, or bary-found that the galaxy is suronic, matter and its existence is rounded by a faint luminous necessary to explain the behavhalo," she wrote in the latest

Penny Sackett of the Institute nal Nature, issued on Thursday. any known luminous compo- made up of dark matter.

issue of the British science jour- by standard measurements.

Nature, issued on Thursday. The report said the faint light "The intensity of light from could be coming from small this halo falls less steeply than bodies such as shrunken suns,

nent of spiral galaxies, but is consistent with the distribution of dark mass inferred from the galaxies move in such a way as

Clinton Seeks Dismissal of Jones Suit

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas - President Bill Clinton asked a federal judge Wednesday to dismiss a sexual harassment law-suit against him by a former Arkansas state employee on the

ground of presidential immunity.

The motion, filed in U.S. District Court by his lawyer.
Robert S. Bermett, also asked the court to waive any statute of limitations so that Paula Corbin Jones could refile her lawsuit

A memorandum filed in support of the monon said, "Cogniant that no person is above the law, courts nevertheless have recognized that there is an overriding national interest in insulating the presidency from the distractions of private civil litigation, and in assuring that courts do not unduly intrude upon the functioning of the chief executive." The memo cites a Supreme Court ruling in 1982 that gave President Richard Nixon immunity from civil suits.

The Justice Department is considering filing legal documents supporting Mr. Bennett's position, but no final decision has been made. "The inclination is to file," one senior official said. It would be unusual for the department to remain absent

from a case of such institutional importance to the presidency.
But some Justice officials worry that the high political
profile of the Jones lawsuit runs the risk of making department
lawyers look as if they are acting out of political concern for

the president rather than because of the underlying legal issues. Mrs. Jones alleges in her suit, filed May 6, that Mr. Clinton asked for oral sex in a Little Rock hotel room three years ago when he was governor and she was a state employee working on a state business promotion meeting at the hotel. (AP, WP)

Democratic Chairman is on the Way Out

WASHINGTON - In another sign of Democratic disarray as the party enters the electoral season, the national party chairman, David C. Wilhelm, has disclosed that he will step down after the voting in November and that at the insistence of

the White House he will play a limited role until then.

Although he did not say so, Mr. Wilhelm's allies said he was being eased out by Leon E. Panetta, who has been promising to improve the Democratic political operation since becoming White House chief of staff a few weeks ago.

Between now and election day, Nov. 8, a former congressman, Tony Coelho, will function as a special volunteer adviser, according to Mr. Wilhelm. In fact, Democranic politicians said. he will handle three of the most sensitive political roles; chief spokesman, top congressional liaison officer and senior strategist for the party.

Mr. Coelho, like Mr. Panetta a former representative from California, has been working quietly but intensively with his old colleague for almost a month in an effort to sharpen the White House message and improve poll results.

[NYT] White House message and improve poll results.

Quote/Unquote

Senator Boh Kerrey, a Nehraska Democrat, on the failure to keep senators fully informed about plans for a \$350 milion headquarters huilding for a U.S. spy agency: "All the had guys knew about this. It would take a really stupid enemy to miss this. The only people who didn't know about it were the American people."

[NJT]

Away From Politics

• The man accused of mardering a doctor who performed abortions and another person has been indicted in Pensacola, Florida, on two counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted first-degree murder. If convicted, Paul Hill, 40, could face the death sentence.

• A U.S. judge said that nearly 300 Chinese illegal immigrants who swam ashore from their stricken freighter in New York in June are eligible for political asylum in the United States. · An amendment to Cincinnati's city charter that would have barred homosexuals from protection under Cincinnati's human rights law has been declared unconstitutional. The city is

expected to appeal. • A Florida man was convicted of first-degree murder in the hired killing of his father. The jury found Harry Glenn Newman guilty of hiring a neighbor to shoot his father, Grady Sules, a carnival performer known as the "Lobster Boy."

• Three men charged in a plot to kill show horses for insurance money have pleaded guilty to mail fraud in Chicago. The investigation was sparked by the 1977 disappearance of Helen Vorhees Brach, a horse owner and animal lover, who was slain because she had apparently learned of the horse-killing scheme and threatened to alert authorities. The three who entered guilty pleas were: Paul Valliere, 43, Johnnie Youngblood, 32, and Steve Williamson, 51.

• About 5.500 checks worth \$12.6 million in relief aid to Los Angeles earthquake victims have been returned uncashed. mostly by people who didn't ask for the money or who were reimbursed by insurance companies. In some cases, checks were returned by people who knowingly filed false claims but had second thoughts after some applicants were prosecuted for fraud, said George Thune, spokesman for the Federal I-mergency Management Agency.

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Vatican's Abortion Effort Splits Berlusconi Coalition

VATICAN CITY - A Vatican campaign to forge an anti-abortion alliance at a population conference in Cairo next month has put pressure on Italy, causing new strains in Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's coalition government.

It has set one cabinet minister against another and brought demands that the government keep its hands off the couotry's abortion law, one of the most liberal in Europe.

The issue came to a head on Wednesday after the Vatican Radio broadcast an interview with Altero Metteoli in which the minister for the environment

in the Berlusconi government called abortion a "type of homicide." Raffaele Costa, the minister of health,

responded that he found it uoacceptable "that someone who is exercising a right under the law should be called a murder-

Italian officials have disclosed thatthe Cairo conference was an issue during Foreign Minister Antonio Martino's talks at the Vatican last month.

The Vatican has been mounting a huge lohhying effort for the United Nations Conference on Population and Development, pressing the international community to write in a rision in the isters from the neofascist National Alli- in itself richness."

final document that would bar any pro-motion of abortion. ance, said Italian policy in Cairo has not yet been decided but he believed that it

of Roman Catholic and Islamic coun- is a member of the delegation. tries to rally to its side.

Although Italy is overwhelmingly Roman Catholic, the legislature legalized abortion in 1978, permitting abortions virtually on demand in the first three peared sympathetic to the Vatican posimonths of pregnancy in state-run hospitals. As a concession to the church, doctors opposed to abortion can declare riere della Sera, Mr. Guidi said it was themselves conscientions objectors and refuse to perform them.

Mr. Matteoli, one of five cabinet min-

The Vatican is counting on a coalition would be close to his personal views. He

The head of the delegation, Antonio Guidi, minister of the family from Mr. Berlusconi's Forza Italia movement, ap-

In an interview Wednesday in Cortoo early to spell out Italy's stance at Cairo but "one point is already clear: life, in whatever phase of its existence, is

Ancient Hoard In the Kremlin

MOSCOW - Soldiers digging in the Kremlin foundations have stumbled on a cache of old silver

The head of archaeology for the Kremlin's museums, Tatyana Panova, said Wednesday that the coins, 3,426 silver Russian kopecks and one Polish coin, were presumably buried in October 1612.

BOOKS

WHEN CHINA RULED THE SEAS: The Treasure Throne, 1405-1433

By Louise Levathes. 252 pages. \$23. Simon & Schuster.

Reviewed by Arthur Waldron

B ETWEEN 1405 and 1433 seven Ming dynasty naval flotillas: most under the command of Admiral Zheng He, a cunuch of Muslim origin, made voyages of trade and conquest to Southeast Asia and the Indian Ocean, as far as the African coast. These voyages must be counted among the great achievements — and enigmas

of the Chinese past.

Nothing like Zheng's "treasure fleet" had been seen before, anywhere. Its eight-mast-ed ships would have dwarfed the puny vessels with which the Portuguese explored the world a century later; technically they employed innovations far in employed minovations far in advance of either the Arab or European competition. And as they projected Ming power, they also took Chinese luxury goods to foreign traders and carried necessities and curiosities back to the court.

Yet strangely the Ming aban-doned the whole enterprise within a generation. Indeed, so unpopular were the policies of the Yongie emperor who sponsored the voyages that records about them were intentionally lost by officials in later periods, lest other emperors be tempted to repeat such adventurism. Louise Levathes, a journalist

and television reporter and pro-ducer, has been assisted in her research hy some very fine scholars from China, Taiwan and the West, who have found and translated sources and gathered wonderful illustrations. As a result, in addition to being readable, the book is also remarkably accurate. The description of the voyages is superb, but there is far more. Levathes presents a fascinating picture of political and court life in the first several Ming reigns, all based on primary

sources and the most recent research. The anthor's command of factual detail, however, is not always matched by a sense of broader historical issues. Thus, she asserts that China "ruled

portions: of total numbers of ships of all nations and relative dimensions of trade flows, as Fleet of the Dragon well as a sense of the degree to which periodic Ming interven-tions in Southeast Asian politics made much enduring difference — none of which is systematically provided. Judged against such information, Zheng's voyages may ap-pear less important than the

book suggests. Similarly, one may ask just how much the Zheng story can tell us about the main patterns of Chinese history. Zheng, after all, was not a Chinese but a Muslim of Mongol-Arab origin. and the early Ming dynasty was in many respects a continuation of the preceding Mongol Yuan dynasty. About the cultural influences

that Zheng and other seafarers from China carried far overseas, however, Levathes is extremely interesting. She explores ancient links with the New World and has a lot to say about the Chinese settlers in Malacca and elsewhere in Southeast Asia (for whom Zheng has become a tutelary deity). Perhaps most fascinating are traces from Australia and Africa. Australian aboriginal folk songs preserve memo-ries of the Baijini, seafaring people having light golden skin, who gathered sea slugs, tor-toiseshells and sandalwood, and came and went with the monsoons. It is not hard to suggest they were Chinese. Or consider the fair-skinned fishermen called Bajuni, who live on islands off Kenya. They are convinced they are of Chinese de-

But these are traces and no more. For, notwithstanding this book's ritle, if by "rule" you mean something like what James Thomson had in mind when he wrote the words of "Rule Britannia!" in 1740 (or even what Portugal accomplished in Asian seas), then China has never ruled the seas. It has never based its national secarrity strategy, both economic and military, on maritime superiority. For most of the last 2,000 years China has reted threats from the north and overland ahead of those from the sea, and her military posture: has reflected that assessment.

broader historical issues. Thus, she asserts that China "ruled the seas" in the early 15th centhe seas" in the early 15th cenHistory to Myth" and professor; tiny. But to evaluate such a of strategy at the U.S. Naval claim, we need some rough War College, wrote this for The ideas of magnitudes and pro- Washington Post.

WHAT THEY RE READING

Stewart Morgan, London-based art critic and teacher, is reading "Dance Writings" by Edwin Deaby. "Deaby describes what it is

like to see people dancing in life as well as in ballet halls, and how Americans walk vs. Europeans in the streets of New York. Americans have a large territory around them vs. Europeans who view that as self-aggrandize-(Brik Ipsen, IHT) ment"



BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott HE Von Zedwitz team is L led by Claire Tornay of Manhattan and includes to take three heart tricks, but, George Tornay and Judy Tuckhad to lead from the diamond er, both of Manhattan, Tom George Tornay and Judy Tuck-er, both of Manhattan, Tom Smith of Greenwich, Connecticut, and Gene Saxe of Stamford, Connecticut. In the first stage of the final they won by 45 imps against a hitherto undefeated group consisting of Jerry Goldberg of Yonkers; Bob Jaffe of Long Island City, and Jane Dillenberg, Jeff Rothstein and Nancy Kalow, all of Man-

On the diagramed deal both teams bid briskly to three no-trump and West led the heart king. In each case West contin-ued with a low hearts, and dum-

mediate diamond finesse and 37 theless continued with the

Judging the position correctly, he cashed three spade winners; and led a heart. West was able succeeded, and the Tornay team gained imps. Notice that.
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The Dutch Fight Back In Tomato Battles

Hothouse tomatoes from the Netherlands have gotten a bad name in some parts, and the Dutch are fighting mad

In Germany, the growing reputation of the Dutch fruit as being hard, wetery and tasteless led to e 17 percent drop in purchases last year. Buyers have been turning to variety.

imports from Spain or Greece, more frequently vine-ripened. The Dutch say that if Ger-mans have a poor idea of their products, it is because retailers

in Germany sometimes mislabel good tomatoes from the Netherlands as German-To make their point, Dutch growers staged e oationally

televised taste test. Blindfolded consumers said the most succulent tomato was the Cap-ita, a Dutch variety, followed hy Bon Appetit, also from the Netherlands, A Spanish tomato was third, followed by a genetically engineered French

Around Europe

The special privileges of the Communist elite were one of the more entrenched - and resented - features of the old government in Bulgaria, Little has changed. Government ministers and members of Parliament can stay in chic apart-ments on the Black Sea for as little as 90 cents a might. A tomato salad costs them about 2 cents, and a cup of coffee is still only e nickel. Die Welt of Hamburg reports. Private va-catiooers pay 10 to 15 times as much, now that the market is deciding these things. A gov-ernment spokesman said the

low prices were a perquisite of the hard job of governing. But few in Bulgaria, where the daily fare is economic crisis. agree. In a recent survey, 69 percent called the special rates "unacceptable."

The Italian government has proposed raising the maximum age at which people may adopt children from 40 to 50. "Society has changed," says the minister of social affairs, Antonio Guidi. "People live longer, marry later and have children have "Child deep have "Child d dren later." Child advocacy groups have protested that the draft law is "less coocerned with children's interests than with those of adults." Parlie-

Liverpool politicians have rallied around the woman who is to be the next lord mayor after reports that she has e somewhat checkered past. Petrona Lashley, 53, now the city's deputy lord mayor, is due to take up the new and largely symbolic post next year. But a newspaper, the Liv-erpool Echo, says Ms. Lashley was convicted of prostitution during the 1970s and was fined £500 four years ago for con-

ment will decide next month.

spiring to ohtain property hy deception. Ms. Lashley says simply, "I am surprised so much attentino has been paid to spent convictions the majority of which happened 20 years

A small town in northern Sweden has deformed the Arctic Circle to attract tourists, according to the daily Dagens Nyheter. Travelers passing through Niskanpaeae receive certificates to mark their Arctic Circle crossing. In fact, the circle lies 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) farther north. Harry Grape, the town's new centrist mayor, blames this creative bit of gerrymandering on his pre-decessors, the Social Democrats, who originated the prac-

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EREZ CROSSING, Gaza Strip - In an attempt to allay Palestinian concerns over Israel's rap-prochement with Jordan, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin met Wednesday with the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman, Yasser Arafat, and an-nounced accelerated talks to expand Palestinian self-rule and hold elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In a rare joint news conference after their 90minute meeting at an Israeli military base on the northern edge of the Gaza Strip, both leaders tried to project a spirit of cooperation, shaking hands and pledging to push ahead with their self-rule accord.

Israeli-PLO relations have been strained since Mr. Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein signed a declara-

tion in Washington on July 25 that recognized Jordan's role as the custodian of Muslim shrines in

Mr. Arafat, who claims Jerusalem as the capital of a future Palestinian state, had charged that the declaration violated his accord with Israel, which defers talks on Jerusalem to negotiations on a permanent settlement.

"Definitely we have some differences," Mr. Ara-fat said as Mr. Rabin stood by his side. "At the same time, we have agreed to minimize all these differences between both of us, starting from the question of Jerusalem, early empowerment, to the financing. to the donors and donations."

"Early empowerment" is a term for the transfer of authority to Palestinians in the West Bank in five

areas; education and culture, health, social welfare, tourism and taxation. The areas now are administered by the Israeli military government.

Mr. Rabin announced that talks on the handover and on elections would be held next week at the Erez crossing, followed by a meeting of a liaison committee and, if necessary, another meeting with Mr. Arafat later this month. An Israeli official said the talks were intended to complete an accord on the transfer of authority.

Next week, Mr. Rabin added, Israel would open to Palestinians four "safe passage" routes between the Gaza Strip and Jericho, the other area of Palestinian self-rule. Mr. Arafat had complained that the delay in opening the routes, which pass through Israel, had isolated him in Gaza.



By Chris Hedges

New York Times Service

ARAVA CROSSING, Jordan — As the first sunburned visitors straggled toward his small trailer, lugging bulky backpacks and vinyl bags, the Jordanian border official placed a stack of free postcards. on the shelf in front of him. He also set out a neat. collection of maps of Aqaba.

"Here they come," said the official, Nidal Ali Mohammed. "I hope my English will be O.K. It is much better to be invaded by tourists than soldiers."

On Tuesday morning, in one of the tiny moves that presage a new Middle East, Jordanian officials, for the first time in 46 years, insisted that visitors coming from Israel through the new Arava border poet have the green Helpsen and trade in the state of the post have the green Hebrew exit stamp in their

It was a triumph of reality over illusion on the first day of this border crossing connecting Jordan and

Before Tuesday, anyone with an Israeli stamp in his passport who tried to enter Jordan was refused admittance. Some travelers used a second passport that did not have Israeli stamps. And those with only one passport were issued their entry and exit stamps by the Israelis on special forms, which could be discarded or hidden.

But all these ruses were swept aside, like a great gust of fresh air, at this dusty, sweltering little strip of asphalt. Tourists, some oblivious to the twists and turns of history, others in awe of them, stood in line outside the whitewashed Israeli caravans, received their Israeli exit stamps and walked a few hundred yards into Jordan. Altogether, about 70 people crossed from Israel into Jordan and 40 from Jordan into Israel on Tuesday.

"This is major history and we want to be part of it," said Rodney Fund, who was visiting Israel from Miami with his sister Melody.

Dozens of Israelis and Jordanians came to the crossing to peer through the cyclone fencing and take pictures, but at the present time they cannot cross. And those who tried to use passports from other countries were stopped when their names were punched into computers and they were shown to have dual citizenship.

Lilly Cohen, who was born in Israel and now lives in Denmark, stood with her husband, Michael, under a tin roof that protected visitors from the glare of the sun on the Israeli side. She had tried to get into Jordan on her Danish passport but had been refused

"As soon as I knew the border was open I came down," she said. "I think of all the years we have bad

Society in New Zealand before

being handed on to the British

war. This is a victory for the Jewish people. No one believed 10 years ago that we would ever have

Merchants on both sides moved in to reap the Michael Mosterd and Eva Daalder, who were

vacationing from Amsterdam in Aqaba, just two miles from the border crossing, carried a bag of leaflets into Israel from the Petra International Hotel. They had promised the owner they would distribute them on the streets of the Israeli resort town of Eilat, along with cards from the Captain's Restau-

Paul Roberts, a British construction worker who has lived in Aqaba for two years and never visited Ellat, went into Israel and bought a bag of croissants. His friend, François Haese, bought several cans of Slim Fast

"We'll come over now to shop," Mr. Roberts said. The border crossing, which was huilt in the past four days, is open from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. It is straddled by a mine field. The Israelis and Jordanians have white caravans set up on either side of the crossing and tourists must walk across a no-man'sland. Only vehicles with license plates from outside the Middle East can travel between the two coun-



The secret departure of Taslima Nasrin, the Bangladeshi writer accused of insulting Islam, outraged militants.

AUTHOR:

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talist groups. Hundreds of thousands of Bangladeshis, angered by what they consider Dr. Nasrin's offense to Islam, have marched in

Dhaka in recent weeks. She is charged by a Bangladeshi court with offending the religious sentiments of Muslims. a crime that carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison. She surrendered Aug. 3 and

was granted bail. She was told she could visit other countries if she informed the judge. No trial date has been set. "She was free to go anywhere

she liked and that's what she did," said the Bangladeshi home secretary. Azimuddin

Dr. Nasrin, traveling on a lourist visa, arrived in Stockholm around midday.

Dr. Nasrin, a physician, angered Muslim activists last year with a novel, "Shame," that depicted Muslim persecution of Bangladesh's Hindu minority.

Jakarta Bears Down on Press

Reports of Government Friction Alarm Regime

By William Branigin

Washington Prat Service

JAKARTA — After a brief fling with limited political "openness," the Indonesian government is cracking down on local press coverage of sensitive issues, drawing sharp criticism from the country's growing middle class, human rights groups and the United States.

Mr. Suharto, 73, a former army general who came to power in 1966 and formally assumed the presidency two years later, is in his sixth five-

The closure of three popular, privately owned newsweeklies by Indonesia's Information Ministry in June triggered demonstrations that were broken up by riot police and soldiers. The arrest of 42 hunger-striking students last month prompted a strong public objection by the U.S. Embassy here,

The protests resumed last Thursday when about 100 journalists demonstrated against the ban on the weeklies.

Now the government is threatening to take action against several other leading publications for reporting on the crackdown, related demonstrations and recent unrest in the disputed Indonesian-ruled territory of East Timor, Among those warned were the Kompas daily, the English-language Jakarta Post and a magazine on legal and social issues, Forum Keadilan, media sources said.

In East Timor, a van belonging to a local newspaper was blown up July 23 in an incident editors suspect was related to the paper's coverage of protests against Indonesian rule. Authorities denied responsibility.

The closure of the weeklies followed their coverage of controversial stories, including Indonesia's purchase of a fleet of former East German warships, labor strife and a major banking also appeared to reflect increasing touchiness tional security. They offended the politically about reports of dissension within the govern- powerful."

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has privately expressed concern

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ment of President Suharto, diplomats and journalists said. Friction within the government is an especial-

ly sensitive subject now because of the unresolved issue of succession.

presidency two years later, is in his sixth five-year presidential term after unopposed elections in a rubber-stamp assembly. He has indicated that he may step down when his current term expires in 1998, and it is unclear who might succeed him.

The question has created uncertainty about the political stability of an authoritarian system that has presided over heady economic growth and attracted \$28 hillion in foreign investment since 1992.

The press crackdown began when the Information Ministry announced June 21 that it had revoked the publishing licenses of Tempo, Indonesia's higgest and most prestigious newsmagazine, and two other weeklies, Editor and a popular investigative tabloid called DeTik. The government charged that the publications had violated the "Code of Ethics of Indonesian Journalism," which bars publication of anything deemed harmful to the nation, social harmony,

religion or common decency.
The closures effectively ended the government's year-old experiment with "openness," a policy that appealed to Indonesia's growing mid-dle class and was reflected chiefly in a less

fettered press. "It looks as though press freedom in Indonesia is still a matter of personal whim," said Sidney Jones, the director of Human Rights Watch/A-

Gene Splices for AIDS Babies

High Hopes for a Cancer Drug

Reuters conventional chemotherapy drug started in Cambridge, LONDON—Scientists from fails, particularly in tumors like England, last month. If success-

the British charity Cancer Re-search Campaign said Wednes-day they had high hopes for a vid Secher, director of the chari-not expected to reach the mar-

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blood cells with a virus-killing protein, researchers said

treat lung cancer.

The charity's technology transfer arm, Cancer Research

Campaign Technology, has

signed a deal with the British biotechnology firm Xenova Group Plc. to develop the drug,

The fact that scientists would even consider tinkering with the genetic makeup of newborns was seen hy those attending the 10th International Conference on AIDS as a sign of their frustration, even desperation, in

findings therapics that work. HIV, the AIDS virus, has proved to be an amazingly wily enemy, able to change itself quickly. Despite years of work, no one has come up with an effective virus-killing medicine or vaccine.

So scientists at the Japan conference have laid out strate-

The Associated Press gies for gene therapy, their lat-YOKOHAMA, Japan — The est idea. These mostly involve U.S. Office of AIDS Research,

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Researchers believe the drug could be a boon for patients whose tumors have failed to re
charity for further investigation. Under the deal with Xenova, the company receives worldwide commercial rights in

one for newborns developed by In one therapy, cells would Flossie Wong-Staal and col-get a poison gene that switches leagues at the University of Calon only if the cells get infected, ifornia at San Diego. It involves making them self-destruct bea virus found in tobacco plants Another therapy is to outfit that destroys the RNA - the closely related blood cells, material that controls cellular

duced by helper cells. This way, approach within a year. The the suppressor cells will at least National Institutes of Health partially take over the duties of and the Food and Drug Admin-their AIDS-stricken cousins. istration must approve it.



ROCK CLIMBERS — Workmen setting up the scaf folding of a stage Wednesday at the site of the Woodstock 25th anniversary concert, which begins Friday.

In a "white paper" in July, Taiwan's leadership called on Beijing "to face up to the fact that China is a divided country

dependence. "Prior to unification," the white paper states, "these two parts of China should have the right to participate alongside

sentation in the United Nations and regional organizations. "Only when we set aside the sovereignty dispute will we untangle the knots that have bound us for the past 40 years or more and progress smoothly

One of the most visible aspects of the policy change will be a name change for Taiwan's

Pentagon will be free to contin-ue aid to Taiwan's military without consultation with Beijing. It is not clear how this will he reconciled with an accord signed by Washington and Beijing in August 1982 that stipulates annual reductions in military assistance to Taiwan.

agreement on military sales was in 1992 when President George Bush agreed to sell 150 F-16 fighters to Taiwan for \$5.9 bil-

told the Nihon Keizai Shimhun script." He forecast a rate inthat although there were no crease of a half percentage overt signs of inflation, the current growth rate of around 3.5

RATES: Greenspan Signals That a Raise Is Imminent

sustainable. Fed watcher for Salomon Brothers Inc., said, "They all

percent was "too high and un-Robert DiClemente, chief

David Jones, of Aubrey Lanston & Co., said he also expected a 50 basis point rise next week so the Fed could get out of the way of the Congressional election campaign that ends seem to be studying the same Nov. 8.

BOMB: Iran Envoys Linked to Attack in Buenos Aires

worst terrorist act against Jews

since the Holocaust, killed about 90 people and wounded more than 200.

Although Judge Galcano's report was widely hailed here, the wholesale reliance on an information from one source. whose hackground is still On Wednesday Iran, which cloudy immediately raised a has denied any role in the at-

desktop computers.

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entry for perhaps 10 people working from

many as 1 million or more of those Inter-

net ports, and the millions of people who

Moreover, the skeptics suggest that as

host of legal questions. For ex- tack here, called the Galeano ample, it is unclear whether the accusations unfounded.

former Iranian diplomat, identified as Manuchehr Motamer, or whether his information goes beyond the circumstantial evidence included in Judge Galeano's report.

News agencies reported: will testify in judicial proceed- ans, three Argentine citizens, ings needed to advance the case identified as Carlos Alberto Telledin, Marcelo Fabian Jouce sought for the "unlawful rewas used in the bombing.

In addition to the four Iraniplacement of the motor" of the vehicle that the police believe

(Reuters, AFP, AP)

TAIWAN: Upgraded Ties Planned Continued from Page 1

year, double the amount im-

ported by China.

under two separate govern-ments." Beijing considers Tai-wan a renegade province and has never renounced the use of force if Taiwan's hurgeoning independence movement were to come to power and declare in-

each other in the international community," including repre-

toward unification.

offices in the United States; the current title, Coordination Council for North American Affairs, lacks any geographic reference to Taiwan. Taiwan officials in Washington expect Mr. Clinton to select a new name, possibly Representative Office of Taiwan. Under the new policy, the

Three times in the past five days, Robert Parry, president of the San Francisco Federal Reserve and the most outspoken inflation hawk on the Open Market Committee, has said that the economy has emerged from the recession in the past 18 months "within range of the levels that most economists The higgest violation of the consider full utilization and ca-

> In Tokyo, Alan Blinder, President Bill Clinton's new appointee as vice chairman of the Fed.

pacity."

RULING: 'A Slap in the Face'

Semitism and racism.

was not an anti-Semite in the Bonn. racist Nazi sense, but a nation-

Rightist Rallies Curbed

of the death of Hitler's deputy, group that encouraged anti- Rudolf Hess, a state govern-Semitism and racism. Rudolf Hess, a state govern-ment minister said on Wednes-The judges said Mr. Deckert day, Reulers reported from

Herhert Schnoor, interior alist who bitterly resented the minister of North-Rhine Westfinancial, political and moral phalia state, said the plan was demands that Jews continued agreed in a meeting between the to make on Germany 50 years police and state and federal governments about a week ago.

"There will not be a rally

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use them, may be walled off to much of the potential incoming traffic on the Internet, at least in part in response to mounting concern over computer security. If Mr. Quarterman's analysis is correct, his calculations further blur the already vague notion that electronic culture and commerce are just around the corner. Certainly his assessment does much to debunk the myth of an interactive information web that will eventually link everyone on the

Estimates that there are more than 20 million users of the Internet have excited the imagination of businesses, politicians, social scienists, investors and journalists. The network has been described as a prototype of the Clinton administration's proposed information superhighway.

Companies seeking to tap a vast new customer base are spending millions to stake out storefronts in cyberspace, and Internet-related businesses are popping up in every U.S. city of significant size. An Internet electronic mail address is consid-

ered de rigueur for business cards today, and even the White House is "on the net." The Internet is popular, all right. But is it a less dynamic force than we have all

NET: Computer Experts Scale Down Estimates of Number of Active Users

been led to believe? To be sure, there are those who contend that even the estimates of 20 million to 30 million Internet users are too low, if one counts the users of smaller public and private computer networks, like America

Internet mainly to exchange electronic But such links do not allow users to employ some of the most significant feanures of the Internet, including impressive ones for conducting electronic commerce on the network, downloading video and audio files, and initiating complex infor-

Online and Prodigy, that are linked to the

mation searches. Mainly, though, the disagreement is not so much over raw numbers but over the interpretation of those numbers. For businesses and policymakers who are planning for a digital future where the Internet comprises tens of millions of interactive users freely sending and receiving all sorts of information, the rise of "firewalls," or security barriers, is a significant factor.

Firewalls, which are secure computers between an organization's internal net-

works and the Internet, allow network traffic to go out but block outside traffic from coming in.
Mike Schwartz, an associate professor of computer science at the University of

Colorado at Boulder, said a 1992 survey of

the Internet found that an estimated 35 percent of all Internet computers were barricaded behind firewalls. "If you start looking at Internet services that require interactivity, things like hilling or accounting across the net, there might be nicer ways to do it if you could directly connect to people," he said. If more and

more internet users erect one-way barriers.

he added, "the services you can use are more limited." Also, internet surveyors agree, there is no way to know how many computers are truly active on the network - as opposed to ones that are out of service, are turned on only infrequently or exist only as an address with no corresponding machine. When attempts are made to contact a sampling of computers on the network, typi-

cally fewer than 30 percent respond.

Despite his deflationary data, Mr. Quarterman still predicts that the internet will eventually achieve and surpass the size now widely credited to it. But the future is not here yet, he says.

after World War II.

The German police are coor- anywhere in Germany," Mr. dinating action to prevent far- Schnoor told German radio, right extremist rallies planned "The hrown ghost will not this weekend on the anniversary march through Germany."

The Crisis in Nigeria

Oil and Democracy

Strikes and protests in Nigeria's cities are a warning to its military rulers that the country's allegiance to democracy remains strong. They are evidence that a rising oumber of Nigeria's people consider their present government to be illegit-imate. The generals annulled the elec-tion a year ago, and when, after many mooths, the apparent winner declared himself president, the geoerals three him into prison oo a charge of treason. One effect of this action is to remind the rest of the world that they have repeatedly hroken their promises to return

Nigeria to elected civilian rule.

The strikes in the oil industry have begun to raise the price of gasoline in the United States, but that is the least of it. If the price goes up a few pennies a gallon, it's for a good cause. The larger and more important issue is the effect that oil has had oo Africa's most populous country.

For the past two decades Nigeria, one of the world's biggest oil exporters, has experienced great political instability, speciacular corruption and, despite the oil revenues, deepening poverty. In that respect, Nigeria is hardly alooe. When oil prices first shot up in the early 1970s, it seemed an extraordinary opportunity for

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

poor countries to strengthen their economies. But a lot of that money has gone to finance wars — like Iraq's with Iran, and

its invasion of Kuwait - and terrorism.

that has fallen into the habit of depend-

ing far too heavily on only one source of

wealth — a source that provides little employment for local labor. It is instructive to compare it with Indonesia. In the 1960s, Nigeria was substantially richer than Indonesia. Now, a generation later, although it has less oil, Indonesia's standard of the control of the cont

dard of living is twice as high. It has paid

much more attention to education. Its rul-

ers have used oil wealth to huild other

kinds of industry, creating jobs for a grow-

ing and increasingly urban population.

But Indonesia is no democracy — and remains even farther from it than Nige-

ria. That is another thing about oil

wealth. It has bought better schools and

better medical care in some of the luckier

oil-exporting countries. But nowhere has it

bought better government, let alone de-mocracy. Among the oil-producing coun-tries, there has been no visible improve-

ment in the quality of government since the great surge of oil wealth two decades

ago — and in some countries, such as Nigeria, the change has been for the worse.

Nigeria is a prime example of a country

the Ibos in Biafra. The best evideoce is that Nigerians

On the whole, the Clinton administration has responded wisely. Most foreign aid has been suspended, and oew military sales have been barred. The Reverend Jesse Jackson spoke up strongly for the pro-democratic campaign during his recent visit to Nigeria. More pressure is plainly in order to free Mr. Ahiola and give civilians a chance to govern. Taking at course can help prevent realization of Mr. Jackson's dire prophecy that an upheaval in Nigeria, Africa's most popu-

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Hurry to Prevent a Cambodian Epilogue in Rwanda

BRUSSELS — The situation in Rwanda is beginning to have a dangerously close resemblance to Cambo-dia in the 1980s, when humanitarian aid provided by the international communi-ty revived and boosted the Khmer

Rouge war effort.

If the United Nations does not act immediately to ensure safe conditions for the return of the Rwandan refugees, it will be too late to prevent the authors

In no circumstances should the humanitarian agencies use the former administration of Rwanda to help them channel distributions of aid.

of the genocide from asserting cootrol over the refugees. This would inevitably lead to a flare-up of the conflict.

At the beginning of 1979, the Khmer Rouge, responsible for the massacre of a million of their fellow Cambodians, fled from the advancing Vietnamese army. Using force and propaganda, they dragged along with them hundreds of thousands of refugees who were to experieoce terrible famine before establishing themselves in camps along the border with Thailand.

The international community took

By Alain Destexhe

action (although more slowly than it does today), and thousands of Cambodians were saved from a certain death. However, the humanitarian effort also fed the Khmer Rouge and assured their control over the refugee population, en-ahling them to carry on the hattle for another 10 years.

With each day that passes without the Rwandan refugees returning home, a similar scenario becomes more plausible. The army of the former Rwandan government daily reinforces its control over the refugees. And with each daily improvement in the aid effort to the camps in Goma, the refugees are less motivated to return home. As long as the situation in Rwanda is uncertain, they prefer to stay put. And who can blame them? In the refugee camps in Tanzania, the former village heads use the daily food

distributions both to consolidate their power over the 300,000 Rwandans there and to discourage them from going back to their villages.

The international humanitarian ef-

fort, which is saving thousands of lives, is also rapidly sowing the seeds of a future conflict in which, as with the Khmer Rouge, the army of the former government will use its political cootrol of hundreds of thousands of refugees and displaced people to legitimize its power. The international community,

continuing to treat the crisis as an exclusively humanitarian issue, seems blind to the vicious circle that is forming.

The solution is not, of course, to cut aid to the refugees, nor to start forcing them to return. However, the United Nations and the main countries involved must act urgently on three fronts.

First, in order to create an atmosphere of security, the humanitarian effort must be increasingly directed from Kigali. It is also essential that at least two human rights observers be deployed in each admininstrative district in Rwanda. This would require a total of 300 observers, not 20 as has been foreseen so far.

Second, those people who have been clearly identified as responsible for the genocide must not be allowed to continue to exert such a strong influence in the camps in Zaire and Tanzania. In oo circumstances should the humanitarian agencies use the former administration of Rwanda to help them channel distributions of aid.

Third, the anthors and perpetrators of the genocide must be put on trial very soon, whether before an international tribunal or before the new Rwandan authorities with support from the United Nations in order to ensure that justice is carried out fairly and impartially. The immediate effect of this would be to diminish the standing of those responsible for the genocide and create a prece-dent that might be seen as a warning to

other potential tyrants.

Such measures are perfectly feasible, and they would not cost a fortune. Unfortunately, the United Nations has always been one step behind in its reactions. It is presently trying to enforce Resolution 918 of May 17, which calls for the deployment of troops within Rwan-

da, even though the war has ended.

The vast majority of the refugees will return home if the right conditions are ensured for them; people don't live for years in a refugee camp out of choice. But if they do not go back, the world will be obliged to continue giving aid to 2 million people for years on end, the war will restart, and new aid victims will require further assistance. As in Cambodia, this could be the beginning of a

very long nightmare.

The public worldwide has provided a very generous response to this crisis, despite the pessimistic predictions that the UN debacle in Somalia would cause "compassion fatigue." We must oot let this generosity go to waste by political inaction. An urgent response is required. There are only two possible scenarios that can be envisaged over the next few weeks: eather the refugees return, or they dig in among the remnant of the former government's army. The last act remains to he written.

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Increase the Pressure

Nigeria's military rulers have backed themselves into a box. They thought it a good idea to jail Moshood K. O. Abiola, the presumed winner of Nigeria's canceled presidential vote in June 1993, when he claimed the office two months ago. Mr. Ahiola was charged with treason and held incommunicado. But behind bars he has become a symbol known to more people around the world than is General Sani Abacha, the faceless soldier who currently presides over Nigeria's permanent government caste. After Mr. Abiola was detained in

Abuja, Nigeria's political capital, strikes and demonstrations paralyzed Lagos, the commercial capital. In a clumsy attempt to foil the pro-democracy campaign, the mili-tary then offered to release Mr. Abiola on condition that he not talk to the press or address political rallies. When he refused, his defiance proved contagious.

The normally unmilitant Nigerian Labor Congress joined in a general strike sparked by workers in the pivotal oil industry. Now Nigeria's biggest produc-er, Anglo-Dutch Shell, has cut hack production, reducing oational output by one-fifth. The response of the military rulers, mostly Hausas from the north, has been to hlame unrest on radicals amoog Mr. Ahiola's Yoruba peoples -risking the very ethnic polarization that led in 1967 to a calamitous civil war with

are oot huying. They know too well how their country has fared under corrupt and incompetent rulers who have squandered its oil wealth and presided over a decline in per capita income.

lous country, might "make Rwanda look like a birthday party."

Rethink Cuba Policy

Fidel Castro may yet dump another big batch of boat people on southern Florida. It would be a cynical exploitation of human desperation to spite the United States. But Americans bring part of this possibility upon themselves. Regime repression is the first source of Cuban misery and flight, but the American limits legal migration to an ungenerous 5,000 or so. This puts a premium on illegal migration under a Cold War refugee law admitting any arriving Cuban.

The current troubles began last month, when Cubans hijacked a tugboat; authorities rammed it, drowning 32 people. Other Cubans hijacked a ferryboat and killed a policeman. These incidents fed into a protest demonstration last Friday in Havana rare in size (1,000-phis) and also in that guns were part of the scene. The regime's response was predictably harsh.

President Bill Clinton could stop boats from escaping from Cuba and keep Mi-ami-based boats from picking up passen-gers in Cuba (the 1980 Mariel tactic that Fidel Castro now threatens to repeat). But what to do with the people? To ignore Cubans fleeing communism would rightly offend many Americans. To admit the refugees would risk overburdening parts of Florida. To admit them while barring Haitians would suggest an invidious decision.
In fact, Mr. Clinton faces less a refugee question than a political question. There is an undeniable contradiction between squeezing the Castro regime and providing adequately for people who are victims of the squeeze, and of the regime. This is one of the principal considerations that dated. It punishes innocent people and, by giving Fidel Castro a nationalist card, impedes political change.

Any political change, of course, Mr. Castro will seek to exploit. Reform to him means loosening up economically while retaining political power — the Chinese model. But be is oot only a dictator hut an aging dictator ruling hy a dead doctrine over a people still capable of seeking its own liberation. If President Clintoo has changed any

of the anti-dialogue positions he took on Cuba during the 1992 election campaign, he has oot let on. He needs to think anew. Scaling back the emhargo could let the United States diminish rather than aggravate the desperatioo that feeds emigratioo. Meanwhile, Washingtoo could explore with Havana ways to open wider the legal doors to leaving a captive country.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

NEW YORK — There is a raging epidemic of medical incompetence and malpractice in America, but as the national

No Iranian Moderates in Sight

lo 1985, the Iran-contra affair began

with arms shipments to Iran in exchange for the release of an American hostage in Lebanon. The Reagan administration's National Security Council coovinced itself that surreptitious dealing would strengthen the "moderates" in Tehran against the extremists.

Nine years later, Iran stands informally accused by Israeli and U.S. officials of sponsoring oew outhreaks of terrorism, notably hombings against Jewish targets in Argentina and Britain Iranian influence in Hezbollah in Leba-

President Hashemi Rafsanjani, who probably did try to bring a pragmatic flexibility to the revolutionary legacy, is openly ridiculed. Economic reforms similar to those of post-Soviet Eastern Europe are in remission. The theocratic grip on the economy is growing. People are getting poorer and goods scarcer.

Geopolitically, Iran will be a major regional power as long as it exists, depression notwithstanding. Its population dominates the Gulf and its oil reserves are the leading alternative to Saudi Arabia's on world markets. But the hopes for realism in Tehran have receded rather than advanced. The muliahs are in charge and unchallenged. They consider the United States evil. Any U.S. policy that does not accept that premise is wild fantasy, now as much as nine years ago.

- The Baltimore Sun.



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Ominous News for the Future of Press Freedom in Hong Kong By Philip Bowring

HONG KONG — For Hong-kong as it faces Chinese rule in 1997, the optimists among the more spirited exercisers of the rights of a free press have put their trust in the old Chinese adage "Heaven is high and the emperor is far away." But it was the imperial message, "Tremble and ohey," which came through loud and clear this week.

The entrepreocurial publisher and retailer Jimmy Lai was forced to surrender control of his Giordano retailing empire as punishment for offending the emperor," Chinese Deputy Prime Minister Li Peng, through his Next magazine.

Mr. Lai has been forced off the board of Giordano, a quoted company of which he owns 36 percent, by partners. The Gior-dano store in Beijing has heen temporarily closed while the board is refurbished.

Next's combination of gloss, gossip and investigative journal-ism has quickly made it Hoog Koog's hest read and most talked about magazine. It created a secood fortune for Mr. Lai, whose first was hased oo casual fashion stores appealing to the same young, middle-class consumers who now also huy Next.

He has oow been taught a public lesson that Hoog Kong people have a choice: obedience or mooey-making. They may not be able to have it both ways.

Much has been written and said about creeping self-censor-ship in the Hong Kong media. Worthy conferences, with dele-gates drawn from around the world, have been held to denounce it. The Hong Kong Journalists Association has been running an effective campaign to draw attention to the dangers asonce respected, independent pubbusinessmen close to Beijing, and others have changed their editorial stance 180 degrees.

al stance 180 degrees.

But nothing — not even the jailing of Hong Kong journalists in China for allegedly stealing "state secrets" — has hrought home the approaching realities of Hong Kong better than the message to the flamboyant Mr. Lai. So far he has lost little financially, although his prospects for cially, although his prospects for floating Next on the stock market must have receded. But the signs are that those who exercise their

and unsubtle — oot the sort of thing to send journalists to the barricades.
Next will doubtless remain unahashed and cootinue to thrive on its existing formula. But the episode has shocked Hong Kong and will lead other owners of media not always respectful of the leaders in Beijing

when Hong Kong officially be-

Lai was not punished earlier; perhaps his high profile provid-ed a defense of sorts. His attack

on Li Peng was certainly crude

Some are surprised that Mr.

to ponder their fates.

The Extremists in Algeria's Revolution May Have Gone Too Far

By William Pfaff

PARIS—Revolutions are hard on moderates. They usually turn into a struggle between the most intransigent reactionaries and the most radical of the revo-intionaries. That seems to be happening in Algeria, and the

This primarily concerns Muslims. The people mostly in danger in Algeria are Algerians.

result could feed the paranoia about Islamic fundamentalism already apparent in the United States and Western Europe. The French are bracing them-

selves right now for possible terroust retaliation for the roundup of Algerian fundamentalist activists that has been going on since the weekend. This action fol-

debate over health care intensi-

fies the most powerful elements

of the health care industry are

engaged in a cruel and sinister

campaign to limit the legal rights of malpractice victims.

Lohbyisis for doctors, hospi-

tals, the insurance industry and

others claim that they are fight-

ing on behalf of malpractice

'reform," but that is oot so.

True reform would be an effort

to prevent malpractice. This so-

throughout the medical

medical malpractice are

called reform effort is geared

solely toward preventing vic-

tims (or their survivors) from

collecting the damages they de-serve for the dreadful injuries

The carnage from malprac-tice is astonishing. If you add up all the deaths each year from crime, from motor vehicle acci-

dents and from fires, they will oot equal the estimated 80,000

people who die in hospitals an-

nually from some form of medi-

That is a conservative esti-

mate, and it applies only to

hospital foul-ups. It does not

take into account those who die

at the hands of incompetent

health providers in clinics,

Medicaid mills, doctors' offices

and elsewhere.

cal negligence or malpractice.

industry are cleaning

Big-time operators

up. But victims of

not cleaning up.

they have suffered.

lowed the murder in Algiers of five French nationals connected to the embassy there. They were the latest of 57 foreigners more dered by Algerian fundamental-ists during the last 11 months. The French government is backing Algeria's army-backed

dictatorship. American officials, happy to allow France the role of fundamentalism's "Great Satan," ment to compromise with "moderate" fundamentalists. Algerian and French officials reply that they can't find any.

If the fundamentalists do win in Algeria, not only Algerians will have a problem. The proposition that we are doomed to decades of a "war of civilizations," as advanced by the Harvard political scientist Samuel Huntington and taken up by many others, is making its way into the American as

Bad Medicine Doesn't Bother Some

By Bob Herbert

tients each year are left para-lyzed, brain-damaged, hlind or

otherwise horribly disabled from malpractice. Most are nev-

Yet virtually all the health care reform bills that are grow-

ing like weeds in Congress coo-

tain provisions that would hin-

der the ability of malpractice

victims to recover damages.

The exceptions are the single-

paver bills in both the House

emerged from the Senate Fi-

nance Committee was particu-

larly egregious in its approach

to malpractice victims. That bill would put a \$250,000 cap on

damages that could be awarded for pain and suffering; would

limit attorneys' fees for plain-

tiffs (but not for defendants), and would have required that 75

percent of all punitive damages go to the state, not the plaintiff.

and they are still making the

rounds in Congress. Caps on

pain and suffering hurt the peo-

ple most vulnerable to low-

quality care -- women, the el-derly and low-income people.

There is no cap on compen-

sation for lost income, which is

a significant measure of pro-

tection for wealthy victims of

malpractice. But others, with-

out the cushion of wealth,

would be limited to the maxi-

mum of \$250,000 for even a

Mern Horan, an attorney

with Public Citizen, a health

advocacy group in Washington, asserted: "What they're

saying is that if you doo't make

a large income we're not con-

cerned about your disfigure-

ment, your paralysis, your in-

lifetime of suffering.

Scores of thousands of pa- ability to bear children or the

Those are insidious proposals

The health care hill that

and the Senate.

er adequately compensated.

well as European consciousness in a manner that unpleasantly recalls the 19th century's paranoia about the Yellow Peril.

This ignores two basic points about Islamic fundamentalism today. The first is that it primarily coocerns Muslims, not the West. The people mostly in danger in Algeria are Algerians. Hundreds of Algerian teachers, intellectuders and policemen, and ordinary people in the street have been murdered in the course of this struggle. The European victims of the affair are an afterthought.

The idea that the West is the target of Islamic fundamentalism incorporates a gross error.

It is true that fundamentalism opposes Western culture as well as the West's political influence. But the aim of the fundamentalist movement is to drive the West

fact that you're in extreme pain

and living on morphine for the rest of your life."

Medical industry representa-tives have complained for years

that malpractice lawsuits have

been a major factor in the surge

of health care costs. It is a bogus

argument. Doctors, on average,

spend 2.9 percent of their gross

income on malpractice insur-

ance, just a shade over the 2.3

percent they pay for "profes-

sional car upkeep."

Meanwhile, insurance com-

panies are cleaning up. Figures

from 1991 showed that malprac-

tice policies earned the compa-

Big-time operators through-

out the medical industry are

cleaning up. Top executives of the leading health care compa-

nies often earn millions of dol-

lars annually - in some cases,

But medical malpractice vic-

tims are not cleaning up. Only one out of 16 victims gets any-

thing in the way of compensa-

tion. Many refuse to sue be-

cause they don't want to fight

the phalanx of doctors who are

sure to come to the aid of the

defendant. Some victims of mal-

practice don't even know they

awarded damages, very few re-ceive payments that are unjusti-

fied, according to a study pub-

lished two years ago in the "Annals of Internal Medicine."

Nevertheless, under the umbrei-

la of reform, the assault on mal-

Ralph Nader ooted: "All these

health care bills have some sort

of restriction on malpractice

victims, and none of them have

anything in the way of malprac-

tice prevention, which tells you where the balance of power is."

The New York Times.

As the consumer advocate

practice victims continues.

Of those who sue and are-

have the right to sue.

tens of millions.

nies \$1.4 hillion in profits.

rights to a free press m Hong Kong may not be welcome to

make money in China. Nobody needs reminding what that means

ness can reign there unimpeded.

No sane fundamentalist wants to conquer a Western country . filled with those he considers in-

fidels and pagans.

The attacks on the West by Islamic fundamentalists fall into one of two categories. The first is punishment of the West for alleged crimes against Islam. That is the reason American diplomats were taken hostage in Iran in 1979; the United States had sponsored the shah's misconceived efforts to Westernize Iran. The United States is also the ally of Israel and supports moderate Muslim governments. That is why New York's World Trade

Center was bombed. The other motive for terrorism has been to win release of Islamic fundamentalists held prisoner in the West (or elsewhere, nota-bly in Kuwait) because of earlier acts of terrorism. Most of the Beirut kidnappings were blackmail for prisoner releases. Blackmail was the motive for the 1986 bomb attacks in Paris.

The next thing to understand about fundamentalism is that in the long run it will fail. The turning point may even have been reached last week. The movement will fail because its attempt to recreate a utopian version of the past simply won't work. History can't be reversed. Algeria has no more chance of recreating a theocentric society than the West has of recreating the integrally religious Christendom of the 13th century.

The turning point conceivably occurred last week with the announcement by one of the Algerian terrorist groups that it inteachers when secondary schools and universities resume this fall. The only schooling it wants to permit is that conducted in strict Islamic religious institutioos. This threat was accompanied by the murder of the director of the

and all of its works and pomps out of the Islamic world, so that University of Blida, just sooth of the totalitarian version of godli-Algiers. It was the latest in more than 15 recent murders of teachers — some carried out inside the classroom itself.

Islamic fundamentalism has made progress because it promises improvement in the lives of ordinary people, after the abject failure of nationalism and "Arab Socialism." Those mostly produced impoverished economies and military government, as in Algeria, or sordid personal dic-tatorships, as in Iraq, Syria and Libya. The Islamic fuodamentalists say that a return to strict religious observance will better

people's lives. But people know that their children have no hope at all if they cannot be educated in the subjects that make the world go around. They know that agricultural research and education is essential to their countries' futures. They understand that their children have to learn engineering, science, accounting, foreign languages and a variety of other practical subjects if they are to

have any chance of betterment. Possibly this attack, and this threat, were provocations. More plausible is that they were real, and that the Islamic revolution is Algeria is being taken over hy its most extreme elements.

If that happens, the future actually looks brighter. After extremism, the Terror, comes rational reaction and practicality, the Thermidor. It is just possible admittedly, only possible — that the Algerian crisis approaches the beginning of its end.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Servia to the Fore PARIS - Can it be that Servia is

once more about to occupy the attention of the European Powers? King Alexander will attain his nineteenth year on the 14th of this month, and it is said that he means to signalise the occasion by another coup d'Etat. Were it. not that the boy King is accus-tomed to coups d'Etat from his infancy, the statement would be simply amusing. But, all things considered, it is to be feared that the report is well founded.

1919: Gentleman Thief

PARIS - The Paris police has just captured a gentleman bur-glar. Serge-Henri de Lenz was a frequent traveller on trains de luxe, and a patron of the great hotels. In reality he worked hard in them, stealing trunks and bags and robbing the bedrooms. After

many visits to tango-teas and theatres, detectives found de Lenz removing trunks from a fine limousine at the door of his house." They allowed him to discharge the baggage, but when he started off they arrested him.

1944: Nagasaki Bombed WASHINGTON — [From our

New York edition:] In their first double strike against the vast Pacific holdings of the Japanese, B-29 Superfortresses of the 20th Bomber Command attacked simultaneously today [Aug. 10] in-dustrial targets in the Nagasaki area and enemy oil refineries more than 3,000 miles away. Nagasaki, a city of 250,000 which is one of Japan's principal ship building and repair centers, now joins the steel city of Yawata on the list of key strategic targets which have felt the punishing weight of B-29 bombs.

Now Keep the Investigation Moving

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration made a hash of its handling of Whitewater. But after last weekend it could be forgiven for him mappropriate for the special

edly and under pressure, agreed to condemn the Dellingers and Tribes the appointment of a special counsel of the world as biased liberals intent to investigate the Whitewater mat- on wrecking Republican administrater. Then, in June, the president signed a renewal of the independent counsel law, an act through which Bill Clinton put sharp limits on his power to affect investigations of his own administration

Many Republicans hated the independent counsel law, and the act had

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lapsed. So the voluntary appointment of Whitewater counsel Robert Fisks was not covered by the law.

In the meantime, Mr. Fiske re-ported that he had found no grounds to prosecute members of the administration for obstructing justice or otherwise illegally messing around with the Whitewater case. He knocked down all the zany conspiracy theo-rists and concluded that Vincent Foster, President Clinton's deputy counsel, actually did commit suicide, as the police concluded originally.

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Then came Friday's stunning news: a three-judge court, led by a Reagan appointee, concluded that while there was no evidence that Mr. Fiske had done a bad job, he should be replaced for the sake of appearances. To replace him, the court turned to Kenneth Starr, an intelligent conservative who served as the Bush administration's solicitor general and was a Reagan circuit court appointee. Mr. Starr has also long been on Republican short lists for the Supreme Court.

Just imagine for a moment what the outcry from conservatives would have been if the Iran-contra special prosecutor had been a respected lawyer who had served in Democratic administrations (for example, Joseph Califano, Walter Mondale or Ted Sorensen); or a potential liberal Supreme Court appointee (like Laurence Tribe or Walter Dellinger) with a strong interest in seeing the Demo-crats take back the White House.

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By E. J. Dionne Jr.

thinking that its fate is to face treble counsel's job. But I have no doubt damages even for its good deeds. That if the situation were reversed, The administration, albeit belat- Mr. Gramm would be the first to tions - and the firing of the old special counsel as an unconscionable delay in the search for the truth.

No metaphor, of course, is precisely accurate. The Chintomans have a problem in going after Mr. Starr. since he was once on Attorney General Janet Reno's own short list as an alternative to Mr. Fiske. The independent counsel law is, as the court said, partly about appearances. And Mr. Starr does have a reputation for mtegrity and decency.

But think of the pressures on Mr. Starr from his conservance allies and friends. It has been argued that the Clintons could be well-served by his appointment. If someone of his background and philosophy clears them of wrongdoing, who will doubt him? The truth is that the truth doesn't matter to the extreme Clinton-bashers for whom Whitewater is and always has been simply a means to wreck the Clinton presidency.

Suppose Mr. Starr says that no, there was no conspiracy behind Vincent Foster's death. Suppose he looks at Mr. Fiske's work carefully and decides that there is no reason to reopen the investigation of the administration's handling of Whitewater. Woe unto poor Ken Starr. The right wing will come down on him with the vengeance it reserves for

alleged "turncoats." It is, of course, true that the Clinton administration's crack damage enhancement team also helped keep this story alive. During the congressional hearings, officials had to contradict their own diaries and each other and, at times, themselves. The administration looked slippery and meffectual at the same time.

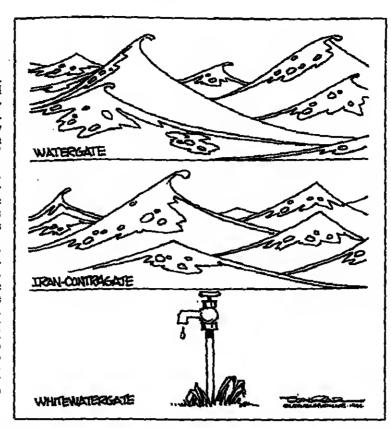
This is an argument for taking a long look before leaping into dam-age control by asking not simply how things will look in tomorrow's paper but how matters will be judged in a month or a year or a decade. Surely that is one of the central lessons of this week's retrospectives on the 20th anniversary of Richard Nixon's resignation.

But Watergate also onght to put the Whitewater frenzy in its place. As far as Mr. Fiske's investigators could tell, Mr. Clinton's men and women did not try to stop investigations or court actions, let alone pay hush money or run dollars through tons' personal lawyer, for saying Mr. Mexican bank accounts or manipugovernment against their opposition. The events of Whitewater occurred far away from Washington long before Mr. Clinton became president. Much, perhaps most, of what we now know about it was already known thanks to investigative reporters' work before the 1992 election.

Unless investigators find evidence of a real crime, the matter should be put to rest - and the Clintons should belp by making as much information public as fast as they legally can.

Dragging out Whitewater endlessly will make Clinton-haters, extreme partisans and right-wing ideologues very happy. Mr. Starr will he the toast of conservative circles if he lets this run on through, say, 1996. Conservatives will call it their revenge for Iran-contra. What will take real courage is for Mr. Starr to stare down the ideologues and keep the investigation moving - knowing that efficiency will bring only vilification from many of those who once sang his praises.

The Washington Post.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Offenses at Buchenwald

In "An Overreaction at Buchenwald? Bonn Officials in Quandry" (IHT, Aug. 3) the reporter states that German officials, foreign diplomats and the news media face the question of whether a "minor act of vandalism should be magnified into an international incident.

The report tells us that on July 23, 22 neo-Nazi skinheads traveling in a chartered bus arrived at Buchenwald, the site of a Nazi death camp, and proceeded to shout "Sieg Heil," give the Hitlerian stiff-armed salute, break "a couple" of windows, over-turn a display from the concentra-tion camp and threaten to set a supervisor on fire. No detailed knowledge of the law

is necessary for readers to conclude that the suggestion that this episode was a minor act of vandalism is misguided. Nevertheless, a list of possible criminal charges to which the described behavior could give rise might be illuminating; aggravated criminal trespass (Article 124, German Penal Code), breach of the peace (Article 125), two separate vi-olations of the provision forbidding the use of symbols of unconstitutional organizations (Article 86a), two separate violations of causing damage to property in which the public has a special interest (Article 304), threatening conduct (Article 241), disturbing the peace by threat-

Under German law these crimes are all misdemeanors, but four of them are punishable by up to three years' incarceration.

While concern for the proper international response to minor acts vandalism is legitimate, the choice of example in this instance is not. We are told that after the Buchenwald riot, the Bonn government "voiced regret and shame." Is that an overreaction?

E. SILVERMAN. Freiburg, Germany.

'Lifetime Employment'

Regarding "SAS's Japan Test Case" (Business/Finance, June 18) by Steven Brull:

The article refers to the excess costs of "lifetime employment" in Japan, as if someone had calculated what the economic costs would be in the short, mid- and long terms if all "redundant workers" were suddenly removed from corporate payrolls. Even if such a study were possible, related social costs are far more difficult to ascertain.

"Experts" advocating the end of lifetime employment do so because there are many unproductive workers being carried during the current recession. Employment cost savings are calculated statistically as the difference between total payroll, including these workers, and total ening to commit crime (Article 126). payroll with these workers removed.

But without the security of lifetime employment, the remnant after a purge would in fact cost significantly more per worker. The payroll costs of star performers will increase dramatically in a competitive employment market, especially considering the impact of an extremely progressive income tax system.

Data show that foreign employers pay much more than their Japanese counterparts for the same employee. The differential is attributed to the perceived difference in employment security. SAS's recent decision is going to cost the foreign corporate community plenty.

Star performers in Japan, of whom there are many, are severely underpaid compared with fellow workers in Japan and abroad. A large company that practices life-time employment can keep hordes of competent young men and wom-en chasing the clusive carross of position and power instead of paying them wages commensurate with their contributions to output.

think that corporate Japan is desperately trying to hang onto lifetime employment because it serves it well, not because of any higher moral sense or "Japanese social con-tract." The short-term risk of preserving unproductive jobs is well worth the long-term savings from a totally committed work force.

LESLIE JOHN LOHMANN.

Watching Her in the Mirrors As if Support Were Required

By William Derge

fling through my briefcase for some- the dance floor, telling her that it thing I can hold on to: a book, a magazine, a note pad. This is, I know, like a child's need for a blanket or stuffed animal; I have never really lost that magical connection between the tensing of the hand muscles around a familiar object and its power to ward off evil. But what "evil" do face inside? A group of mothers who hover in the narrow hallway that leads into the dance studio.

Some of them knit, some of them nurse babies. And all of them talk. They talk mostly about their chil-

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dren. But they also talk about health and money and sometimes politics. And once I listened to a couple of them bad-mouthing teachers. I didn't tell them I was a teacher.

There is a single bench in the hallway, and the women take turns using it, but I have never been able to divine the system they use to determine who sits on the beach when. It wouldn't matter to me anyway. I stand throughout the entire class, near the door - my need for a quick means of escape almost as great as my need for something to hold on to. There is one other father in the group. but he seems comfortable among the mothers. I am envious of his ease. He

is a man of the '90s. I am just shy.
The thing I hold on to today is
a book of Rilke's poems. How
much of it I will read is determined hy very precise rules set down by my daughter, Frances, over the past three years of ballet elasses. For example: If she is dancing within the opening made by the door so that she can see me as well as I see her, then I am not permitted to do anything but watch her. This is only fair; my whole purpose in being here, after all, is to offer support.

But if my view of her is by way of the mirrors that circle the studio, then I can engage in other activities if I choose. That usually means reading.

Some of the mothers copy down

the dance steps their daughters are learning. I suppose it is so they can practice at home. But since I haven't seen anyone perform any better than Frances as a result of their mothers having done so. I've concluded that it's probably a wasted effort or an overblown need to be in control.

Not that there is any doubt who is in control here. "Miss Linda," as the in control here. "Miss Linda," as the girls refer to her with a respect bordering on adoration, runs a tight ship.

"Miss Linda," as the as o second language at Goithers-burg High School. He contributed this essay to The Washington Post.

GATTHERSBURG, Maryland — 1 once saw her escort a girl, who I dawdle in the parking lot, rif-could not have been older than 6, off would probably be better for everybody if she didn't come hack. I never found out what the girl had done. In any case, we never saw her again.

When you understand what Miss Linda has to accomplish, you can

see why she wields such power. I don't mean to say that children don't possess natural grace. Being a father of three, I see it every day. One of our favorite things to do at home is to put on music and engage in sustained free movement. (For some reason, we avoid the word "dance.") The only rule is that you try not to break anything or step on the cats. The way children can pick up the rhythm and ride it is miraculous to me. I think - sadly - it is one of the first things to fall away on the dubious road to maturity.

Certainly, it was with me.

But ballet isn't "free movement,"
and although it is grace supreme, it
is grace achieved unnaturally. Hence the stern yet gentle discipline of Miss Linda. It isn't outside of her methodology to grab a girl's leg in her hands and mold it into position. The girls seem willing elay to her attempts to sculpt them.

The recital is very long, and to leave before it is over, especially to leave immediately after your daughter performs, is like asking for ketchup in a five-star restaurant. But I don't object to such rituals; ballet recitals for most of these girls will be the only time in their lives, save their weddings, when they partake in a fairy tale existence. If it falls to us parents to provide the footmen and chambermaids for the princesses, then so be it; it is, after all, the only time for most of us, as well,

So it is not just what I can give my daughter. It is also what I can get out of it. In the mirrored walls of the dance studio, we watch our children become the works of art we have known since conception that they were, but which the intrusions of the outside world so often veil.

Out of the corner of one eye, I watch the image of my daughter reflected from one mirror to another. I open my Rilke and read: But to us, existence is still enchan-

ted . . . A playing of pure forces that no one touches who does not kneel and marvel,

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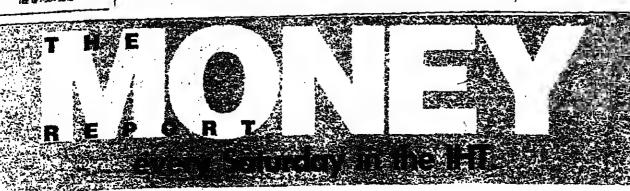
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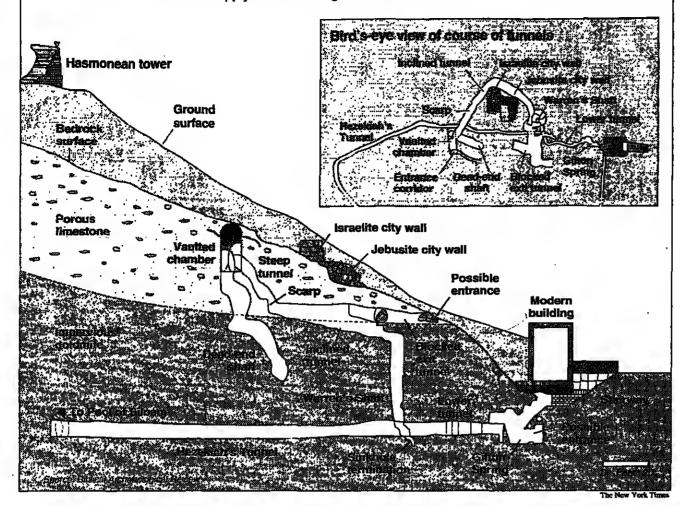
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First an Invasion Route, Then a Lifeline to Ancient Jerusalem

Geologists have found that the rock underlying Jerusalem is permeated by meandering natural watercarved fissures. Some may have been used as an invasion route. Some were later extended and connected to assure a water supply in time of siege.



Geology Unravels Biblical Puzzle

By John Noble Wilford

EW YORK - Under the oldest part of Jerusalem, the area called the City of David, a maze of tunnels and shafts runs through the rock and deep into biblical history. In ancient times, the people inside the

city walls depended on this system to deliver water from the ever-flowing Gihon Spring outside, thus ensuring a dependable water supply in both war and peace.

But nearly everything else about the old underground waterworks, especially its recorded role in two pivotal events in the history of ancient Israel, has left scholars shaking their heads in puzzlement.

Archaeologists and biblical scholars

have long woodcred if it was these subterranean passages that enabled King David

Biblical accounts suggest that David's general, Joab, surprised the Jebusites, or Canaanites, by sneaking in through a hidden passage. But did any of these tunnels exist then? Were the Canaanites or anyooe else then capable of such excavations?

Engineers bave long ooted that wboever built these passages seemed to go about the task in the most curious way, with oo logic dimensions of the numels and many ostensible mistakes in design.

Take Hezekiah's Tunnel. According to the Bible, King Hezekiah, expecting an attack and possibly a long siege by the Assyrians in the eighth century B. C., bad a tunnel built to bring water from the spring to an open reservoir within the walled city. which extends south of the Temple Mount.

The siege occurred in 701 B.C., but failed, presumably in no small part because of the tunnel and its secure water supply. But wby did the tunnel wind for 1,748 feet (533 meters), when a straight line of 1,050 feet would have been sufficient and easier to build?

Previous explanations had been based

on the assumption that the tunnels were entirely man-made. Scholars should have consulted a geologist sooner.

A comprehensive geological study of underground Jerusalem has recently shown that the channels and shafts were formed by natural forces tens of thousands of years ago. That means there may have been an underground passage through which Joab infiltrated the Camanite city. And Hezekiah's Tunnel is wioding and irregular because the builders simply modified a natural fissure.

Dr. Dan Gill, a senior geologist with the Geological Survey of Israel, first reported the discovery three years ago in the journal Science. Uoderlying the City of David, he found, is a well-developed karst system, a geological term for the irregular sinks, cav-erns and channels caused by ground water seeping through underground rock, mainly limestone and dolomite.

In the current issue of Biblical Archaeol-

ogy Review, Dr. Gill bas described the findings in more detail and discussed their implications for archaeological research and biblical history. The geology, be said, provides "a simple, consistent and unified solution" to " nost of the puzzles that have beretofore stumped researchers."

The extent and peculiarities of the underground water system were discovered and explored in the 19th century. The passages were all connected to Gihon Spring, the Old City's sole source of fresh water and the reason that a city came to be built there. Modern Jerusalem's water supply is piped in from Lake Tiberias.

From Gihoo Spring, which is in a cave, there runs a sbort, irregular tunnel leading to a vertical shaft that goes straight up 37 feet. This is called Warren's Shaft, after the British engineer Charles Warren, who explored it in 1867.

Sor cone standing on a rock platform at the top of the shaft could drop a bucket on a rope and draw up the cool water. A gently sloping tunnel, and then a steeper ooe, connect the platform with an entry-

little outside the wall, the entryway to

Warren's Shaft is safely inside. Another important component, Hezekiah's Tunnel, was rediscovered in 1837 by Edward Robinson, an American Orientalist. The tunnel, drawing on the same spring, runs from the base of Warren's Shaft until it debouches in an open reservoir known as the Pool of Siloam.

An inscription on the tunnel wall, written in ancient Hebrew script, tells bow two teams digging from opposite ends man-aged to meet in the middle. That was an achievement that scholars found virtually inexplicable because of the tunnel's winding route, but the new findings show that the workers were actually following and widening the route of existing passages.

Systematic explorations were oot re-oewed until 1978, when the late Dr. Yigal Shiloh, an Israeli archaeologist, began re-search oo the City of David. Dr. Cill, the project's chief geologist, re-examined the waterworks and in 1980 began to recognize a case of function following form.

ENEATH the City of David, be found, lie two layers of rock, highly porous limestone on top of more impervious dolomite. Warren's Shaft is a natural sinkhole that developed along a joint in the limestooe. Its bottom narrows into a funnel-like shape, typical of a karstie sinkhole, and carbon dating of the calcium crust on its walls indicates an age of more than 40,000

"This provides unequivocal evidence that the shaft could oot have been dug by man," Dr. Gill wrote.

Although dolomite is more solid than limestone, cracks do occur under seismic stresses or at boundaries where different layers meet, and over time the crosion of water seeping aloog the fissures can leave substanoal borizontal passages, Dr. Gill said. This could explain most of the anomalies in Hezekiah's Tunnel, especially its way at the surface. Though the spring is a serpentine route and the varying height.

Ancient Mound Is Clue to the Sea

By William J. Broad New York Times Service

EW YORK — An uncommon assault on the mysterious depths of the sea is getting under way as ships, manned submersibles and unmanned robots probe an eerie mound in Atlantic waters more than two miles deep. A mass of sulfurous ores the size of the Houstoo Astrodome, the mound was formed in the last 20,000 to 50,000 years by

a kind of hidden volcanic action. The mound continues to grow as its towering chimneys emit thick black smoke and extraordinarily hot water measuring up to 685 degrees Fahrenheit, hot enough to melt tin or lead. Millions of sea anemooes and shrimp live atop the mound, con-tradicting the old view of the ocean floor as a biological desert.

A ship is soon to send a drill deep into the heart of the blistering-bot mass,

searching for its innermost secrets. The goal is to better grasp the workings of deep volcanic vents like this one, which first came to light 17 years ago. It turned out that their strange fauna lived not on sunlight, as most life ultimately does, but on microbes that ate malodorous compounds emitted by the hot vents, in particular bydrogen sulfide.

More generally, the work should help reveal some of the far-reaching effects of the deep vents: how they produce rich metallic ores (including gold), how Earth's fiery interior heats the oceans and atmosphere (affecting climate) and how far down microbes in the hot ocean crust live (possibly comprising a previously undis-covered realm). It might also shed light on bow life itself got started. But fundamentals come first.

"We don't know even basic information, like why the mound is located where it is," said Dr. Richard Von Herzen, a senior scientist at the Woods Hole Oceanograpbic Institution on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, which is helping to coordinate the

The mound, 2,000 miles (3,200 kilometers) east of Miami on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, is the biggest and deepest of the bot-vent fields known to dot the submerged chains of mountains that meander 46,000 miles through the global deep like ams on a baseball.

A team of American, Japanese and Euro-pean researchers embarked on a pioneering investigation of the mound in June and will complete its work next year. At the moment, a Japanese submersible is wiring the mound with cameras and sensors.

The climax of the work is to occur in October and November when the Resolution, the flagship of the international ocean-drilling program, lowers a long pipe through the Atlantic to drill into the mound for a distance of up to three-tenths

Never before has a ship drilled into a deep, bot volcanic vent, and the prospect has put scientists in a state of high anticipation. "Every inch will be exciting," said Dr. Peter A. Rona, a marine geologist at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, who led the team that discovered the mound in 1985. "It's an ideal natural lab because you have one coherent feature, one system, that's large enough to

accommodate multiple observations. The deep was once thought of as geologically dead and having only a thin population of bizarre fish, mainly scavengers hving off a drizzle of detritus from above.

T turned out, however, that the abyss is alive with volcanic fissures that form the ocean crust, circulate buge masses of sea water and feed unusual forms of life adapted to volcanic heat and

The oases of the deep are believed to form as sea water seeps down tiny cracks around the volcanic fissures, encounters molten rock and is heated to temperatures as high as 750 degrees Fahrenheit. The mineral-rich water wells up at seabed springs, which swarm with microbas and springs, which swarm with microbes and

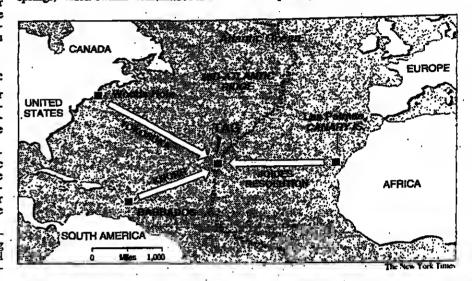
other life. The first vent and its community of odd animals was discovered in 1977 off the Galapagos Islands. The otherworldly fauna included giant clams and fields of

The big Atlantic mound was named aftube worms. ter an earlier geological survey of the area, the Trans-Atlantic Geotraverse, or TAG. Subsequent expeditions found the TAG mound to be very large, part of the largest of the known deep-sea vent fields. It appeared to be made mainly of iron, copper and zinc sulfides, and its surface was clear-

ly aswarm with millions of crabs and blind shrimp.
In 1990, oceanographers asked for TAG to be drilled by the Joint Oceanographic Institutions for Deep Earth Sampling, or Joides, an international consortium of universities, ocean institutions and government agencies. The goal was to reveal for the first time the inner workings of such the first time the inner workings of such volcanic vents.

After years of preparation, work got under way in June, when the Woods Hole ship Knorr made a detailed survey of the Atlantic mound, lowering long cables laden with robotic sonars, cameras and lighting equipment. The goal was to create high-resolution maps of the deep terrain, which is normally concealed in inky dark-

The second phase began when the Japanese ship Yokosuka left Woods Hole in late July for the site carrying the Shinkai 6500, the world's deepest-diving submersible. It is now wiring the mound with sensor packages.



Breaking a Schizophrenia Cycle

By Daniel Goleman New York Times Service

EW YORK --- She was 31; the mother of two young children,. when she began to hear voices telling her that she was on a "holy mission" and had to sacrifice her children by killing them. The voices stopped only after she was hospitalized for schizophrenia and given anti-psychotic medication.

But after she returned home, she stopped taking ber medication, saying she no longer felt sick. The delusions and voices soon returned, and she was readmitted to the bospital.

"The third time this happened, we convinced her to take an injectable form" of the medication, said Dr. Peter Weiden, the woman's psychiatrist. "Now she's been well for a year and a half after leaving the hospital."

Dr. Weiden, chief of the Schizophrenic Disorders Unit at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in Manhattan, is at the van-guard of a movement that is reviving an old idea: giving schizophrenic patients their medication in the form of injections that last 30 days, instead of relying on the patients to take daily pills.

Injectable medications for schizophrenia, psychiatrists say, could sharply reduce the number of patients who fail to take medication and have acute psychotic episodes, ending up homeless or in what is called the "revolving door syndrome" of repeated hospital admissions. The medications, called neuroleptics,

schizophrenia for decades. Thorazine and Haldol are two of the better known in the group, Haldol comes in an injectable form, but Thorazine does not. "You're going to reduce the oumber of relapses if you use injectable ocuroleptics," said Dr. Richard Jed Wyatt, chief

have been standard treatments for

of the neuropsychiatry branch at the National Institute of Mental Health. "You know the patient has gotten his medication," be said. "You don't have to worry." Advocates for people with schizophre-

nia also support the use of the injectable, or what physicians call depot, neuroleptics. Laurie Flynn, executive director of the National Alliance for the Mentally III, called their use a good idea for people who have trouble taking their medicine. "It gets them off the downward spiral of relapse and readmission," she said.

More than a million people with schizophrenia are treated as ootpatients in the United States each year, according to the National Institute of Mental Health. People with chronic schizophrenia are typically on medications for years

But about half of those patients have relapses each year, according to a report

Dr. Weiden gave at the May meeting of the American Psychiatric Association. While some patients have relapses because their medication is not effective, most relapses occur when patients no longer take their daily pills.

"About half of people with schizophrenia stop taking their medication each year, and three-quarters by the end of two years," Dr. Weiden said. He added that the failure to take medicatioo is "a main reason why a third of patients released from hospitals never show up for their first appointment."

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den said, "we stand a much better chance of seeing the patient functioning two weeks later at their first outpatient clinic visit, rather than on the street or in the hospital emergency room during an epi-sode of acute schizophrenic relapse."

Injectable neuroleptics were introduced in the United States about 20 years ago but were poorly received.

Dr. Weiden said errors were made in

the doses, which were set to high. "Now that doses have been lowered, we find no more side effects than with the oral ver-

The side effects of neuroleptics can include a feeling of lethargy and restlessness, and, over many years, tardive dyskinesia, in which muscles involuntarily wriggle and writhe. The side effects are a major reason patients stop taking the neuroleptics.

Anti-Cancer Role for Silicone Implants?

By Sandra Blakeslee New York Times Service

EW YORK - A small but provocative study suggests that silicone-gel breast implants might help reduce the risk of breast cancer in women who have used them for more than a decade, a scientist said. Dr. Leo Garrido, a researcher at Massa-

chusetts General Hospital in Boston who explores the fate of silicone in breast-implant recipients, stressed that the finding was extremely preliminary. "It is premature to make any recommen-

dations to women who are worried about their implants," Dr. Garrido said. "And it is impossible to say at this time bow silicone might protect against cancer." Dr. Garrido described his research at a

press conference organized by the Society of Magnetic Resonance, which is bolding its annual meeting in San Francisco this

In a telephone interview, Dr. Garrido offered a possible rationale for the mechanism by which silicone implants might lower the risk of breast cancer. "We know that silicone migrates to many parts of the body, including the liver," where it is probably metabolized and broken down into smaller pieces, he said.

Dr. Garrido said many small silicone compounds were biologically active, which means they can chemically interact with other molecules in the body.

One form of silicone has been used as a drug to kill prostate cancer cells, he noted. Another can increase vaccine potency. Two epidemiological studies show that women with silicone-gel implants have a breast cancer rate that is 30 to 45 percent lower than expected, he said.

In the research to be presented this week, Dr. Garrido took blood plasma, which contains many proteins and ions, from eight women and put it into test tubes containing breast cancer cells. Five women had breast implants, so their plasma

might also contain tiny silicone fragments. The plasma from three women who had had implants for more than 10 years killed all the cancer cells in 10 days, Dr. Garrido said, but the plasma from the other women did oot. The other two women with implants had had them less than six years and

sbowed no signs of leakage.

It is possible that small silicone fragments might be converted by the body into compounds that kill cancer cells, Dr. Garrido said. Or women with implants might have permanently activated immune systems - ever trying to rid the body of foreign material - making those immune systems better at fighting cancer cells.

Dr. Garrido said silicone might have good and bad effects. It might protect ome women against breast cancer, but it also might increase the chance of developing a crippling immune disorder.

In complaints against implant manufacturers, thousands of women with implants have argued that they have suffered such

IN BRIEF

FDA Approves AZT **For Pregnant Women**

WASHINGTON (AP) -The U.S. government will allow pregnant women with the AIDS virus to take the drug AZT to prevent spread of the disease to their babies.

Burroughs Wellcome Co., maker of the drug marketed under the name Retrovir, announced the Food and Drug Administration's decision. It calls for women infected with HIV to receive capsules of Retrovir during pregnancy and in-travenous injections of the drug during labor. The newborns would get Retrovir syrup.

Federally funded trials of

AZT found that pregnant women who used the drug after the 14th week of gestation reduced HIV transmission to their babies by two-thirds.

Meteor Shower Due From Comet's Debris

BOSTON (AP) — Miss the comet crash on Jupiter? There's another show coming, and it shouldn't even require a telescope, at least on the West Coast of North America.

The Perseid meteor shower is due to peak sometime after midnight Thursday. Clouds permitting, it will be seen best over North America. The show-

Swift-Tuttle.

The peak should last two or daylight time.

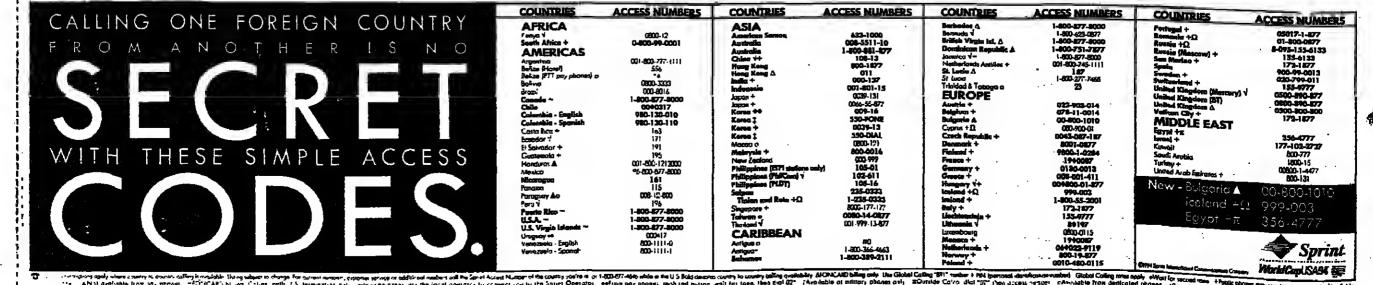
Yellowstone Park **Recovers Quickly** KNOXVILLE, Tennessee

(AP) — Yellowstone National Park has made a swift recovery from the devastating fires of 1988, according to the most detailed study yet on the after-

The fires, which blackened plant cover."

er occurs every August as Earth about 36 percent of the park, passes through chunks of debris raised concerns about perma-left by the disintegrating Comet nent damage. Now, however, wildflowers, lodgepole pines and aspen seedlings are flourthree hours and be at its most ishing on the fire-scarred soil, intense around 5 A. M. Eastern suggesting that the park's recovery is well under way.

> "The whole Yellowstone system responded very rapidly. said William Romme of Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, at the annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America and the American Institute of Biological Sciences, "Even in areas where all the plant cover was burned off, within a couple of years there was fairly good



International Herald Tribune World Stock Index 6, composed of 280 internationally investable stocks from 25 countries, compiled by Bloomberg Business News. Jan. 1, 1992 = 100. Approx. weighling: 37% Closs: 116.58 Prev: 117.04 Approx. weighting: 32% Close: 132.04 Prev.: 131.69

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Nokia Phones Its Way to Success

By Erik Ipsen
International Herald Tribune

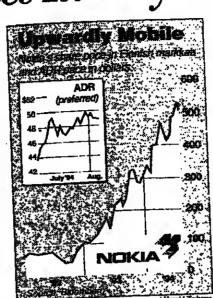
The phones are humming in Helsinki. At the world headquarters there of Nokia AB, the bicycle-tires-to-digitalphones company, the telecommunica-tions side of the business recently bounded past all other divisions to become its No. 1 money-spinner.

Powered by annual growth rates of 40 percent and more, the phones side of Nokia has fulfilled its managers' dream of transforming the company from an ob-scure Finnish conglomerate into a world-bearing telecommunications company. Since the beginning of the year, No-

kia's telecommunications units have won contracts including a \$170 million mo-bile-phone job for AT&T Corp. in America and entire cellular phone systems in Beijing and St. Petersburg.

Nokia also announced in January a major leap onto the information super-highway with an initiative to develop intelligent network systems with the computer maker Hewlett-Packard Co.

Buoyed by that kind of performance, Nokia last month became the first Finnish company ever listed on the New York Stock Exchange, it came as part of a 2.5 billion Finnish markkaa (\$480 million)



international preferred stock offer, the largest ever for a Finnish company.
Since they were initially offered on
July 1 at \$40.375, Nokia's American depositary shares have risen almost 20 percent. The issue ended trading at \$47.875 on the New York Stock Exchange on

Wednesday. During the same period, the company's common stock has risen 16 percent, to 495 markkaa, on the Helsinki

"As recently as a year ago, Nokia was seen as a niche success story selling mo-bile phones, but not now," said Evan Miller, an analyst with Lehman Brothers in London. They had a lot to prove, and they have done it."

Life has not always been so good for Nokia. Only three years ago its prospects looked bleak enough for the company's external directors to force major management changes.

Dragged into the red by its ailing con-

sumer-electronics arm and by the disappearance of its most important market, the Soviet Union, Nokia's board turned to a young group of executives whose average age is 43.

The new group saw that developing Nokia's telecommunications husiness would be the key to success. Little more than a decade ago Scandinavia, was the first region in the world to adopt a common standard for mobile telephones, and Nokia was quick to take up the challenge hy producing handsets and

Today, mobile phone companies See NOKIA, Page 11

Regulators Seek New System to **Rate Derivatives** nature, derivatives deals are not

By Lawrence Malkin mational Herald Tribune

banks and securities houses. As a result, there is no agreed ac-NEW YORK - Internationcounting method of comparing al bank regulators are moving toward a new form of disclosure one with another to determine by dealers in derivatives that the level of risk. Working out a would use banks' and securities system could take years. firms' own assessments of their positions to let other investors judge how risky it is to do husiness with them. there is a danger that a few

Some officials said a decision on a way to measure the risks involved with derivatives could come as early as next month at the Bank for International Settlements in Basel.

Just as in ordinary banking, too much business with too many low-rated counterparties, or serious mismatching of longterm and short-term credit risks, could be a danger signal in derivatives trading. The problem is that because of their

action that would cripple the world financial system. Derivatives are complex transactions derived - hence their name - from movements of such things as interest rates, currencies and commodities prices and designed to hedge against possible losses when prices move unexpectedly. When used hy some companies and operators as bets with borrowed money, they have led to losses in the hundreds of millions when prices turn, as happened this spring with Procter & Gamble Co. on an interest rate swap and Metallgesells-chaft AG with oil futures.

carried on the balance sheets of

Because derivatives deals in-

volve a variety of positions in

various markets, often used to

hedge exposure to other risks,

defaults could start a chain re-

Bankers and their representatives have been working with the bank staff and the allied Basel Committee on Banking Supervision on how information might be published, perhaps as often as every month, to give the market values of their derivative holdings and the credit standing of

their partners. "Everybody has that in his computer." said a London swap dealer. "The problem is to present it so that you don't give away proprietary information." One official said the disclosure would be related to how each firm conducts its own husiness and rates its own risk. We have to compare hanks with themselves," he said. "We can't use a general measure be-

cause there is none." Instead of comparing one bank or securities house with another, potential customers or traders would compare the latest report by any principal in a derivatives deal with a string of its own previous reports and judge for itself whether it had moved into risky territor was still sound enough to do

"You can't boil it down to single numbers or an index. It has to be a matrix of expostamp bearing General Suvorsures." said Neal Soss. who runs a hedge fund for Gilman Secu-The higgest note in circula-tion is an old Soviet 10-ruhle note with a sticker adding three

If rumors started that a firm was overexposed, it could also present its report in its own defense. How often these reports would be issued - weekly, monthly, or quarterly — is still a matter for discussion, but one a single day this week, according to the Interior Ministry.

At the roughest estimate, at official said regulators and dealers wanted to have something in place hy the end of the least 400 million in fake ruhle

notes are circulating in Moscow," said Yevgeny Tumanov, head of the police's economic

Caterpillar Unit's Loss

Caterpillar Financial S Caterpillar Financial Services Corp. lost \$13.2 million in the first six months of 1994 in the derivatives market, Bloomthis type of crime has blosberg Business News reported somed since high-quality pho-tocopiers became available. The paper used by counterfeiters from Nashville, Tennessee.

The company, a unit of Caterpillar Inc., a maker of construction machinery, lost because it sold derivatives called Russian ruhles because of the interest-rate caps and "swap-cost, making counterfeiting tions" that would force Caterpillar to make payments if interest rates rose.

"We are writing do more of these kinds of contracts," said Len Kuchan, director of inves-

Malaysia Looks Beyond Japan for Car Technology

By Michael Richardson

KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysia, disillusioned at Japan's reluctance to transfer motor-vehicle technology and concerned at the rising cost of Japanese component imports, is looking to Western suppliers to help develop its car

European companies, whose products have become increasingly competitive with Japanese goods with the sharp rise in the value of the yen, are likely he major beneficiaries of the new Malaysian policy, officials and analysts say.

Spurning traditional Japanese suppliers, Perusahaan Otomohil Nasional Bhd., Malaysia's main carmaker, said recently that it planned to huy car parts from European and American firms offering lower prices.

Although majority held by Malaysian government-controlled entities, the company is 17 percent owned by Japan's Mitsubishi group and continues to rely heavily on Japanese technology and Onternational Hamilit Tribuna parts. It was established in 1983.

Officials said the company had already started negotiations with PSA Pengeot Citroen SA in France. Daimler-Benz AG in Germany and General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. in the United States.

Perusahaan Otomohil Nasional was formed in 1983, and its Proton cars now hold nearly 74 percent of the Malaysian passenger vehicle market.

The company plans to start exporting the Proton to the rest of Europe after strong sales in Britain in the past couple of years, but it is worried at the same time that a rapid rise in the costs of Japanese components over the past year may reduce the appeal of the car as a value-for-money buy.

Last month in Paris, USPD Bhd., a newly incorporated Malaysian company, signed a memorandum of understanding with the French company to make cars in Malaysia.

For Former Soviet States, Money in Chaos

transmission systems," an analyst said Wednesday.

USPD is a joint venture between Perusahaan Otomobil Nasional and Diversified Resources Bhd., which assembles a Proton sports model and acts as Citroen's assembler and distributor in Ma-

Mahathir hin Mohamad, the Malaysian prime minister, and his French counterpart, Edouard Balladur, were

present at the signing.

Mr Mahathir said that although Malaysia wanted to retain its relationship with Mitsuhishi through the Proton program, "we also want to learn from the French, for instance in design, sophistication and so on. We don't want to remain bound to one source."

The development of a national car industry is a key part of his govern-ment's plan to make Malaysia a fully industrialized country by 2020.

In March, Mr. Mahathir singled out Mitsubishi's reluctance to allow Malaythan Mitsubish, to transfer technology to Malaysia, particularly the engine and mission parts for the Proton by them-

selves and warned that Kuala Lumpur could turn to European or American companies if Mitsubishi continued to

drag its feet. Yahya Ahmad, USPD's chairman, said the formal joint-venture agreement with the French company would be signed in October.

The joint venture is intended to manufacture cars that will fill a gap between the more powerful Proton range and a new small car with a Japanese engine that is due to be launched for sale in Malaysia this month. This car, known as the Kancil, is be-

ing huilt hy Perusahaan Otomohil Kedua Bhd., a joint venture between Malaysian and Japanese companies in which Japan's Daihatsu Motor Co, has a 25 percent interest. After Mr. Mahathir's criticism of Mit-

subishi in March, Kentaro Shimizu, general manager of Daihatsu, said he had given assurances that the transfer of technology to Malaysia in the small-car project would be faster than for the Proton program.

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under 50 cents at the bank rate.

Meanwhile, across Russia,

According to Mr. Tumanov.

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1.2 million ruhles (\$6,000) in

fake banknotes was detected in

INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

Akzo Nobel Matures Quickly

By Ferdinand Protzman New York Times Service

RNHEM, Netherlands - Akzo Nobel NV assumed its corporate form just six months ago, but the merger of Akzo of the Netherlands and Nobel Industries of Sweden — combined with cost-cutting and restructuring - has transformed a bureaucratic, expensive orga-

nization into a lean, profit-oriented company.

As a result, Akzo Nobel is expected to pose tougher competition for U.S. and European rivals like DuPont, Bayer AG and Imperial Chemical Industries PLC. This seems particularly true in the scramble to build market

When Akzo and Nobel merged, it created share in Asia. the world's No. 9 chemical group with annual sales of \$11.7 billion, 73,400 employees and operations in more than 50 nations.

Up until now, company activities have been focused on the European and U.S. marbeen focused on the European and U.S. markets. Its main product areas are chemicals, coatings, fibers and pharmaceuticals, and it is the biggest producer of salt in the world, the largest supplier of decorative paint in Europe and a leading maker of car refinishes.

Senior managers say the merger has achieved its objective of focusing on those businesses where the company has a leading position, improving productivity and reaching the commercial and financial critical mass needed to compete worldwide.

The merger represents the culmination of a significant restructuring at Akzo, which accounts for nearly 75 percent of combined

Over the last few years, the company reorganized international operations, centralized

top management at its headquarters here, cut its work force, streamlined research and de-velopment and reduced fiber goods in its product mix. Profit margins in the synthetic fiber business have been under pressure for years because of a glut of products and fierce competition.

Interim earnings released last week showed that Akzo Nobel's net income in the second quarter climbed 48 percent before special charges, to \$204.5 million, compared with the similar period of 1993. Sales rose 5 percent to

Syb Bergsma, Akzo Nobel's executive vice president for finance, attributed the imprespresident for finance, in the economic recovery in the gains in part to the economic recovery in the growth. "We Europe and continuing U.S. growth. "We expect that in the second half of 1994, the results of Akzo Nobel will be superior to those in the same period last year," he said. Industry experts have been enthusiastic.

"Integration has gone very well," said Peter.
Beyers, an analyst at Kempen & Co. in Amsterdam. "There really was not much overlap between the two communics."

between the two companies."

Mr. Bergsma said one objective is to become less dependent on Europe and the United States. To remedy that, the company plans

capital investments of nearly \$1 billion. Eugene F. Wilcanskas, president of Akzo Nobel America in Chicago, said the company did particularly well with an oral contraceptive it introduced in the United States late last year under the brand name of Desogen. Elsewhere, it is sold as Marvelon.

Akzo Nobel would not provide sales figures for Desogen, but the North American division's sales rose to \$2.5 billion in 1993, from \$2.1 billion the previous year.

Georgia Free-Fall, Dniester and Russian Do-It-Yourself

TBILISL Georgia - Geor- deficit. ria's coupon currency lost onethird of its value on the Tbilisi Interbank Currency Exchange Wednesday, tumbling to 1.5 million to the dollar from 1 mil-

lion last week. The coupon is accepted in state shops and to pay rent and bills for fuel and services. Rubles and dollars are used to huy other goods. Many Georgians have not been paid their wages

A central bank official, Teymuraz Basiliya, told Parliament this month that 12 trillion cou-

were used to fund the hudget hanknotes arrived in Tiraspol.

Another 12 trillion coupons had been printed in France, he said, and would be transported "soon" and wages would be

Georgia introduced the coupon at par to the Russian ruhle last year, but its currency—like many others in the former Soviet Union --- went into free-fall. In Moldova, the hreakaway

Dniester region announced plans to carry out a currency reform on Sept. 1 by replacing old Soviet rubles with new coupons had been issued in the first pons printed in Russia. A conhalf of the year, but 10 trillion voy with 120 tons of the new

Moscow, however, the site of the printing presses, was awash in counterfeit banknotes, many of them cranked out on increasingly sophisticated photocopiers, a police official said

Wednesday. Vyacheslav Zagryadsky, head of the Dniester Republic Bank, said the coupons would bear the portrait of General Alexander Suvorov, an 18th-cen-

tury Russian. At present the self-styled

Dniester Republic, where sepa-ratist Russian and Ukrainian speakers are in the majority, uses old Soviet ruhles with a

Procter & Gamble Moves Into Profit On Cost-Cutting and Weak Dollar

Gamble Co. earned \$406 mil- and closed factories. lion in its final financial quarter despite slim sales growth that June 30, Procter & Gamble was hindered by price-cutting earned a record \$2.2 hillion, in-

and a weak dollar. The profit compared with a loss of \$1.22 billion in the same period a year ago. The 1993 loss was due mostly to a \$1.55 bil-

Yen

5 W-5 %

The Associated Press lion reduction in income to pay for a restructuring that cut jobs

For the financial year ended cluding a loss, after taxes, of \$102 million from derivatives investments.

That compares with a loss of \$656 million last year. Sales in the fourth quarter

grew 2 percent, to \$7.50 hillion. Procter & Gamble, the largest seller of household products in the United States, has been affected by competition from cheaper generic products that has prompted many brandname companies to cut their 24.24 5 % 5 % 6 % price levels. The value of overseas sales

was affected as stronger foreign currencies were converted into dollars. The volume of products that was sold rose 7 percent, the company said. Procter & Gamble an-

nounced its restructuring pros gram in July 1993, saying it would eliminate 12 percent of its work force, or 13,000 jobs, and close 30 of its 147 factories within three years. Chairman Edwin Artzt said

the fourth quarter results represented "significant progress against our cost reduction objectives" along with healthy growth in sales volume. Without one-time expenses,

profit this year would have been \$2.31 hillion, up from \$2.02 bil lion last year, the company said. Annual sales were \$30.30 hil-

The quarterly profit was near the high end of Wall Street predictions. Procter & Gamble's stock gained \$1.375, to \$54.875.

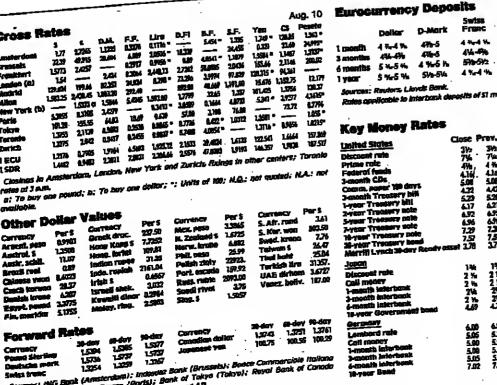
lion, slightly lower than last year's \$30.43 hillion. Counterfeiters favor 50,000ruhle ootes, worth about \$25, the largest denomination in (Reuters, AP, Knight-Ridder)

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Stock Prices Gain As Worries Ease

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NEW YORK — Stocks rose
Federal Reserve, that stirred inflation fears. The benchmark Wednesday as worries appeared to ease about the second leg of a government refunding cent, flat from Tuesday. auction, this week's inflation data and word on Federal Re-

serve monetary policy. Strong gains in technology and pharmaceutical stocks also supported the index.

U.S. Stocks

3,766.76. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was 279.48 million shares. Advancing shares outnumbered decliners by a 11-to-9 ratio. Statistics on July inflation

and retail sales are due out Thursday and Friday.

Analysts expect those readings will determine whether the Fed oudges interest rates higher for the fifth time this year when its policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee meets oext

Bond prices closed steady in spite of comments by Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the

30-year issue was priced at 84 18/32 for a yield of 7.57 per-

Stock investors usually do not like to see interest rates rise because that increases the cost of money to companies and makes shares less appealing.

Investors snapped up shares The Dow Jooes industrial avor of drug stocks, as American erage rose 11.00 points to Home Products' tender offer for American Cyanamid fueled speculation about more take-

> Merck rose 11/4 to 321/s, Pfizer climbed 11/2 to 641/4, Schering-Plough rose 1 to 674, and Upjohn climbed 2 to 35%.

> Technology stocks rose for a second day, after the Semiconductor Iodustry Association said its July book-to-bill ratio had been better than expected Sbares of Micron Technology soared 314 to 4214, Texas Instruments surged 3½ to 84, and Intel elimbed ½ to 59¾.

Novell was the most active stock, falling 11/16 to 15 after Goldman Sachs cut its rating. (AP, Bloomberg)

Dollar Cuts Early Loss On Hopes of Rate Rise

NEW YORK - The dollar rose slightly against other major currencies Wednesday, cutting early losses amid speculation that the Federal Reserve was poised to raise interest rates.

The dollar also was bolstered by the perception that Wednesday's second installment of a three-day Treasury debt sale

Foreign Exchange

went well, with 30-year bond prices unchanged on the day. Retail sales and producerprice figures for July due out Thursday should give investors an idea whether the U.S. economy is growing fast enough to warrant a tightening in U.S. credit, analysts said.

"Everyone is waiting for the numbers," said Chris Iggo, in-ternational economist at Chase Manhattan Bank,

Economists said the Fed'sbank loans at its meeting Tues-

The dollar closed at 1.5844

Deutsche marks, little changed from 1.5818 DM oo Tuesday. It dipped as low as 1.5727 DM

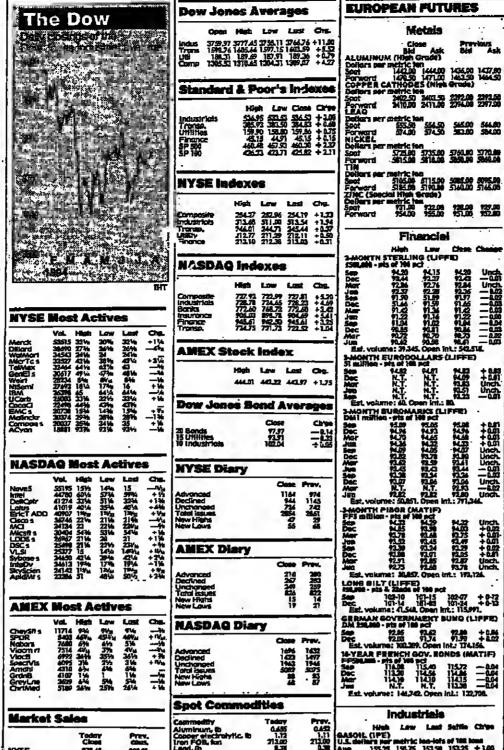
earlier in the day. The dollar also steaded at 101.425 yen after falling as low as 100.990 yen. It closed Tues-day at 101.300 yen.

Lynn Tierney, a trader at Shawmut Bank of Boston, said many analysts were unsure how the dollar would perform after a rate increase. "It used to be that when rates rose, you just bought the dollar," she said. "Now rates rise, Treasury boods fall, and you sell the dollar."

Some traders attributed the dollar's rebound to supportive comments from the Federal Reserve Board's chairman, Alan Greenspan, "It is very crucial that we recognize that the dollar is the reserve currency in the world," Mr. Greenspan said in response to a question during congressional testimony.

The dollar was little changed Economists said the Fed's against other major currencies, policy-making Federal Open It edged up to 5.4245 French Market Committee was likely francs from 5.4190 francs and to raise the rate on overnight to 1.3370 Swiss francs from 1.3340 francs.

The pound slipped to \$1.5373



AT&T Pays for Eo Closing

WASHINGTON — AT&T Corp. announced Wednesday that it would take a third-quarter charge of \$50 million to \$80 million charge to close its unit Eo Inc.

On July 27, AT&T pulled the plug on the maker of personal communicators because of an inability to raise new capital. A company spokesman said that the charge would not affect its ability to meet earnings targets for the year.

The spokesman declined to say how much AT&T had invested in Eo since its creation three years ago. Industry analysts estimated the company spent almost \$100 million.

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MADISON, New Jersey — American Cyanamid Co, urged shareholders Wednesday to delay a response to American Home Products Corp.'s \$8.5 billion buyout bid, while American Home threatened a proxy fight to oust Cyanamid's directors.

In a Securities and Exchange Commission filing, American Home Products also described how Cyanamid had resisted its

overtures for weeks before it made its \$95-a-share offer. Cyanamid, based in Wayne, New Jersey, meanwhile called for shareholders to delay acting on American Home's unsolicited bid. For the Record

until Cyanamid directors reviewed it. American Home, whose products include the painkiller Advil, said in the SEC filing that its arsenal included the possibility of waging a proxy battle to replace Cyanamid directors.

Greyhound Chief Executive Resigns DALLAS (Bloomberg) — Greyhound Lines Inc.'s chief executive, Frank J. Schmieder, resigned Wednesday amid increasing shareholder dissatisfaction with the nationwide bus company.

Thomas Plaskett, a member of the board and former chief executive of Pan Am Corp., will serve as acting chief executive and

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Greyhound shareholders have become increasingly vocal in recent months about mounting losses and a plunging stock price. Greyhound emerged from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in

More Travel Helps Air Canada Net

MONTREAL (Bloomberg) — Air Canada said its second-quarter-earnings had almost doubled, reflecting a recovery in the air travel market, wage reductions and productivity improve-

Net income increased 93 percent to 27 million Canadian dollars (\$19.7 million), from 14 million dollars a year earlier. The year-earlier results benefited from a 46-million-dollar tax rebate. Revenue for the canadian dollars as a second control of the canadian dollars. nue for the quarter increased 6.7 percent to 966 million dollars, from 905 million dollars.

For the first six months, the airline's loss narrowed to 5 million dollars, from 279 million dollars a year earlier. Revenue increased 9.4 percent to 1.87 billion dollars, from 1.71 billion dollars.

U.S. Inflation Rate Steadies, for Now

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Leading U.S. economists largely believe inflation in the United States will remain stable at 2.7 percent in 1994, according to a survey released Wednesday.

The survey of 50 top economic forecasters by Eggert Economic Eaterprises showed inflation projections were below what economists consider a dangerous level. The survey showed the economists believed U.S. prices would rise 3.2 percent in 1995.

Robert Eggert, who conducted the survey, said most economists believe that consumer prices can rise no more than 3.4 percent

believe that consumer prices can rise no more than 3.4 percent before triggering a cycle of higher inflation.

Continental Says Italy Deal in Doubt

HOUSTON (AP) — Continental Airlines Inc. said Wednesday that regulatory delays could threaten its three-month-old partnership with Italian carrier Alitalia Airlines.

The partnership is stalled because the U.S. Department of

Transportation has yet to approve a code-sharing arrangement between the two airlines. Rival U.S. airlines have raised objections to the Continental-Alitalia arrangement, saying it gives an advan-tage to Continental without opening the restrictive Italian market

"We are concerned that the passage of time could jeopardize this alliance," Charles T. Goolsbee, Continental's executive vice president said.

Venezuela Rescues Another Bank

CARACAS (Reuters) — Venezuela will inject \$294 million into Banco de Venezuela and provide \$252 million in emergency loans to other banks with liquidity problems.

The government announced the rescue package Tuesday, a day after it had seized the struggling bank. Banco de Venezuela is tenth bank officials have taken over since January in a liquidity crisis that has exacerbated Venezuela's already severe recession. Information Minister Guillermo Alvarez Bajares said these measures represented "the definitive solution to the problems that have been confronting the national financial system.

Armco Sells Insurance Business

PITTSBURGH (Bloomberg) — Armeo Inc., a Pittsburgh-based steelmaker, said Wednesday it had signed a definitive agreement to sell its insurance businesses for about \$85 million to Vik Brothers Insurance Inc., a privately held company in Raleigh, North Carolina.

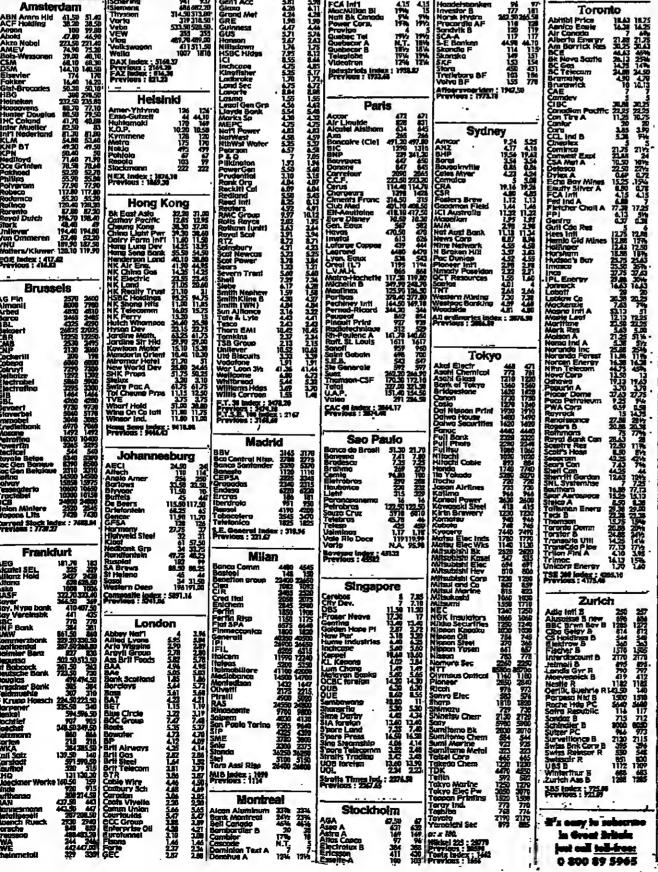
Aimco has been selling businesses and exiting joint ventures in an effort to focus on making stainless and electrical steel.

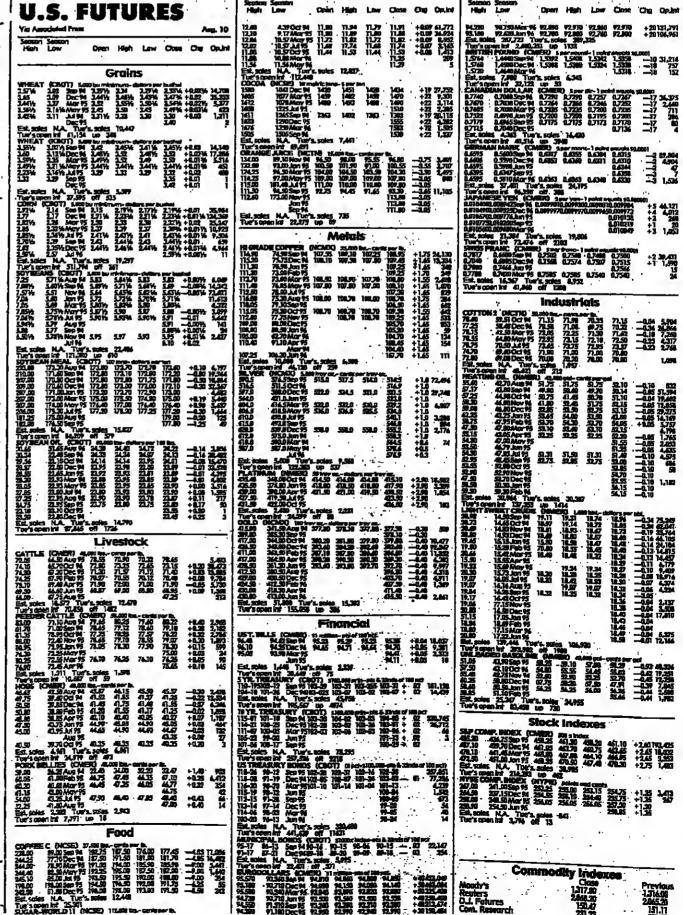
Proceeds from the sale will be used to pay off claims filed with Armoo's insurance subsidiaries that have stopped writing new policies and are being liquidated Armon said today.

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Toys 'R' Us Inc. said it expected to open 140 new Books 'R' Us departments by this autumn; the company currently has more than 300 such departments in its Toys R Us stores. (Reuters) YS

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Weak Bond Market Hurts Novo Profit

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches COPENHAGEN - Novo Nordisk AS said Wednesday that its first-half profit fell 8 percent and said its full-year earnings would be lower than originally forecast because of a weak bond market and expan-

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The pharmaceutical company said it earned 550 million kroner (588 million) before taxes in the balf, down from 595 million kroner in the 1993 first half.

The bottom line was dented by a oue-time charge of 88 million kroner for a planned merg-er of two U.S. subsidiaries next year and a loss of 75 million kroner on the company's bond

portfolio. Those factors offset a 15 per-cent rise in sales, to 6.58 billion kroner, as customers bought more from a more diversified

The results sent Novo's shares tumbling 7 percent, or 46 kroner, on the Copenhagen bourse, to 620.

The company, one of the world's top insulin producers and the largest maker of indus-trial enzymes, said it no longer expected to meet its previous earnings forecasts, primarily because of falling bond prices.

Previously, the company said it expected full-year pretax profit to top the 11 percent mcrease seen in 1993.

On the plus side, the company said sales at its health care division, which include insulin, human growth hormone and birth control products, rose 15 percent, led by strong gains in Japan and Germany.

Sales in the enzymes division rose 14 percent. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX) WPP Capitalizing on Recovery

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

LONDON - After years in which its survival seemed threatened by a bloated debt load and the pinch on marketing budgets caused by the recession, WPP Group PLC has generated a steady stream of good news the past 12 months.

Clients began spending more on advertising as recoveries took hold in the United States and Britain, boosting results at J. Walter Thompson and Ogilvy & Mather, WPP's two biggest agencies. On Wednesday, WPP said its first-half pretax profit rose 50 percent, to £36.2 million (\$56 million), as revenue rose 4

The company has shored up its balance sheet, in part through the sale late last year of Scali McCabe Sloves, another of its agencies, for \$70 million. In May, Ogilvy scored one of the biggest account gains ever, when International Business Machines Corp. consolidated its account the business a there with billings estimated between

\$400 million and \$500 million. The advertising agencies have contin-

ued to gain business, although the IBM account probably will not show up on the bottom line until next year, when heavy start-up costs — and offsetting losses of billings from IBM rivals esti-

The company has shored up its balance sheet, but now it faces a possible stock dilution as banks exercise an option to sell.

mated as high as \$200 million - are out

of the way. WPP's shares on the London Stock Exchange have reflected the company's turnaround, rising from a low of 22 pence in 1992 to 89 pence at the end of last year. The shares closed Wednesday at 119.50, down 3.50.

But WPP's shares may have been re-

strained recently. A consortium of 28 banks that financed WPP's acquisitions of J. Walter Thompson, Ogilvy and other companies in the mid-1980s agreed in 1992 to trade \$272 million worth of debt for equity.

A big block of that stock - 190.2 million shares, or 26.5 percent of the shares outstanding after the conversion -can be sold by the banks as of Sept. 1 under their agreement with WPP.

The bank group includes J.P. Morgan, Bankers Trust, Barclays Bank and National Westminster Bank. The banks indicated last week that they planned to sell the sbares to institutional investors in Britain and on the Continent in an offering led by Bankers Trust, Morgan

and S.G. Warburg Securities.
While investors have long known the sale was coming — the banks were allowed to sell 60 million shares last year and did so - some analysts said a fear that WPP's shares were being diluted had kept buyers on the sidelines lately, blunung what might have been further

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Standard Chartered and Dresdner Net Rise, Banesto Has Loss

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche Standard Chartered PLC of Britain

and Dresdner Bank AG of Germany on Wednesday reported increases in first-half profit, while Banco Español de Credito SA reported a narrowerthan-expected loss.

 Standard Chartered said first-half pretax profit was bolstered by lower bad-debt charges. Profit for the period ended June 30 rose 39 percent to £237 million (\$365 million), despite marginal growth in net interest income, from £170 million a year earlier.

back by lower profit from its investment banking and treasury businesses, the company said, citing weakness in the U.S. bond market and rising U.S.

Standard's net interest income increased to £472 million from £470 million a year earlier, while charges for bad or doubtful debts dwindled to £69 million from £128 million.

The Asia/Pacific region continued to dominate Standard Chartered's

• Dresdner Bank AG, Germany's second-largest bank, said brisk demand for mortgage loans and feebased services offset slumping trading profit to lift first-ball operating profit 11 percent to 1.04 billion Deutsche marks (\$659 million).
Operating profit, which is before tax

German banks use this pro-rated com-

profit, contributing £182 million of the parison to report first-balf results because they say it smooths out fluctua- tory profit for all of 1994. tions. Last year's first-half figure was 936.1 million DM.

First-half operating profit was pulled down by a 90 percent decline in trading income, to 38.9 million DM from 381.9 million DM in the 1993 first half.

Loan-loss provisions fell to 747.5 but includes risk provisions and promillion DM from 758.2 million DM in prietary trading, rose 2.2 percent, com-pared with balf of last year's total. was up 14 percent, to 3.42 billion DM

The bank said it expected a satisfac-

 Banesto announced a first-balf net loss of 21.83 billion pesetas (\$168.1 million), which it called "better than initially expected."

The bank, which was taken over by Banco Santander SA in April, said net banking income was 38.7 billion pesetas and operating profit was 58.6 billion pesetas. Comparative data for 1993 were not provided.

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX)

· Lloyds Bank PLC will announce Thursday the revised cash payments plan for its bid for Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, C&G said.

Reuters, Knight Ridder, Bloomberg, AFX

Swissair Shares Get a Lift On Talk of Sabena Link

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ZURICH - Swissair shares have climbed 11 percent in the past week on talk that the airline may align with Sabena and Air France and hopes of an industry turnaround.

U.S. and British investors are buying the stock, analysts and traders said, on expectations that an alliance will be appropriated to the stock of the stock of the stock.

announced soon between Swissair and Sabena. "There is international speculation about a Sabena agreement with Swissair," said Susanne Borer, imancial analyst with Bank Vontobel in Zurich. She said there was also talk that Air France, which holds a substantial stake in Sabena.

may become involved. Sabena said Wednesday that its earnings in the first half were higher than expected, facing hopes that the company (Bloomberg, Reuters) might break even in 1994.

LVMH Cashes In on Luggage Demand

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

PARIS - Strong demand for leather goods lifted sales at LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA by nearly 20 percent in the first half of the year, the company said Wednesday. Compagnie Générale des Etablisse-

ments Michelin SCA, Pechiney SA and Saint Louis also said Wednesday their sales rose m the half. LVMH said its first-half sales rose to

12.0 billion French francs (\$2 billion) from 10.04 billion francs a year earlier. The company said its luggage and leather goods branch had seen a significant increase

and that it had not always been able to respond because of limited capacity.

Leather division sales rose to 3.19 billion francs in the first half from 2.43 billion francs a year earlier, outstripping the company's champagne, cognac and perfume divisions.

The company cut its price of cognac in Japan in March, which dented revenue but Didier Rabattu, analyst at Bacot Allain

in Paris, said the price cut clearly had hit revenue. "Cognac sales were not as good as expected because of the Japanese price cut, which hit the second quarter," Mr. Rabattu said, adding that cognac sales in in demand since the second quarter of 1993 China also had been weaker than expected.

LVMH's branded goods include Moet & Chandon and Veuve Clicquot champagnes, Hennessy cognac, Christian Dior perfumes and Louis Vuitton luggage, LVMH stock finished Wednesday at

865 francs, down 3. Meanwhile, Michelin said sales rose to 33.28 billion francs in the first half from 30.62 billion francs in the 1993 first half, with a slight decrease in tire prices offset by a wider product range.

Sales at Pechiney International, its packaging subsidiary that is the bolding company for American National Can, rose to 17.74 billion francs from 17.03 billion

(Bloomberg, AFX, Knight-Ridder)

declines on the stock market, the industry association said. Compagnie Générale des Eaux said it would delay until next week its decision on whether to invoke its right of first refusal on a majority stake in the electronics, music and books retailer FNAC.

• GKN PLC said recovery in the U.S. and European car markets boosted its pretax profit by 62 percent in the first half of 1994, to £97.3 million (\$150 million), and predicted further growth in the

• Philips Electronics NV plans to increase its profitable semicon-

ductor production with an investment of about 500 million

guilders (\$281 million) at its plant in Nijmegen, the Netherlands,

Telecom Italia SpA sbares will begin trading next Thursday.
 Telecom Italia is the holding that will include STET units SIP SpA, Italcable SpA, Iritel SpA, SIRM SpA and Telespazio SpA.

Switzerland's cantonal banks reported lower earnings in the first six months of 1994 because of tighter interest-rate margins and

Very briefly:

second half.

Bonn Assailed on EU Unit

BONN —Germany's leading industry group said Wednesday it opposed its government's proposals for a European Union cartel office with less power than the current EU

authorides bave.

The Federal Association of German Industry was the first major German industry organization to criucize publicly Bonn's moves to give EU members more control.

It rejected in particular proposals by Bonn that national cartel authorities be empowered to grant exemptions from European restrictions.

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around the world boast 34 mil-

lion subscribers, and analysts say the figure could reach 150 million by the end of the de-

Having been in on one of the great business booms of the decade from day one, Nokia bas gone on to surprise just about everyone by parlaying its pioneer status into that of an in-

Nokia's largest division produces the newest digital mobile-phone handsets. The company now splits market share for the digital phones about evenly with its larger rivals LM Ericsson AB of Sweden and America's Motorola Inc.

Even in the older analog handset market where the Japanese bave made major inroads in recent years, Nokia bas steadily expanded its market share to roughly 20 percent. "It has one of the youngest

and most imaginative manage-ments in the business," said Annita Farrell, an analysi with Merrill Lyncb in London.

On the strength of Nokia's most recent results, Ms. Farrell recently raised her earnings es-timates for the full year by nearly 40 percent, to 29.2 markkaa a share pretax from 20.9 mark-

Nokia's pretax profit for the first four months of 1994 soared

of 8.6 billion markkaa from 13 million markkaa in the compa-

rable period of 1993. Jorma Ollila, 43, attributes much of Nokia's success to what be calls its "Finnishness." The former chief financial officer and bead of the mobile phone division took over as chief executive at the beginning of 1993. He credits Nokia's fleet-footedness in the market in part to its lack of hierarchies. 'Finns don't tolerate hierar-

chies," he says.
For Mr. Ollila that stands as both blessing and curse. "This is a very demanding crowd," he says of his employees. "They do not give you the benefit of the doubt just because you are the

He also points out that good

employees, in a company where expects candid answers to his or

her questions. Mr. Ollila and his team must constantly press the flesh with their staff in a company that Nokia's boss describes as "thin on manuals and procedures."

That lack of structure also applies horizontally, with distinctions among marketing, production, and research and development blurring at the edges. All three, for instance, are expected to communicate directly with customers.

"Technology is essential, but understanding the market and what it wants is really the driver," said Matti Alahuhta, presi-

to 969 million markkaa on sales results alone do not necessarily dent of Nokia Telecommunica-4 put him in good stead with his tions, the phone-systems arm. We bave to be good even the newest employee calls the boss by his first name and in consumer electronic prod-

ucts for what they see as an important edge for Nokia - a sensitivity to market tastes and an ability to produce the right products at the right time and

Already Nokia makes handsets in Finland. Germany, the United States, Hong Kong and South Korea to service 90 national markets.

Nokia executives also dismiss charges that they are too small to compete with the likes of Japan's NEC Corp.

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Details of Reforms Spur China Stocks

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher HONG KONG - China's roller-coaster stock markets zoomed back up Wednesday after the official Shenzhen Special Zone Daily provided details the Shanghai Securities News on about market reforms.

"The newspaper article prochief lawyer at the China Securivided impetus, because it ties Regulatory Commission,
lleshed out details of the rewho said parts of the decision forms," said Zhang Yuyin, a indicated a major change in the trader with Shenzhen's Pingan government's attitude and poli-Insurance Co.

The Shanghai index that reflects shares reserved for Chinese buyers surged 125.3 points, or 20 percent, to 759,17 on nearrecord turnover valued at 9.7 bil-lion yuan (\$1 billion). The index has now chimbed 131 percent in the past eight days, even though it fell 13 percent Tuesday.

in Shenzhen, the index of shares reserved for Chinese buyers rose 11.5 percent to 165-points on turnover of 2.9 billion

announced plans to lend funds

Seoul Stocks Rise as Bank **Eases Policy**

SEOUL - Stock prices rose Wednesday after the Bank of Korea eased its grip on the nation's money supply and cleared the way for more insti-

tutional investment in equities, traders said. The central bank's decision was like a fresh shower for the stock market suffering from a drought of funds," said Cho Hyun Kwang, a trader at Coryo

Securities Co. The Korea Composite Stock Price Index rose 12.71 points, or 1.3 percent, to 930.21 points in: slow trading of 21 million

Gainers outnumbered declining stocks by about 4 to 1.
A total of 118 issues rose by their daily limits. Under local securities regulations, stock prices can increase or decrease by only about 5 percent in one Suharto Family Bidding for Transit Job trading day.

trading day. The Bank of Korea decided to ease its grip on the money supply after its anti-inflation plans a rapid-transit system to system would cost.

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to loosen money supply lowered the rate to 14 percent said Wednesday.

Wednesday. The overnight call money rate had been as high as 25 percent in the past week as financial institutions scrambled. to secure scarce funds.

to big securities houses to support the market, but no precise figures have been revealed.

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The newspaper article spelled out seven reform measures, but Wednesday quoted Gao Xicine. cies and could be sidestepped.

The newspaper also quoted Mr. Gao as saying Chinese law and securities regulations, now being drafted, would have to be amended to allow credit to bro-

kerages. Henry Mok, a lecturer in economics at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, said the show of official concern for the market might be enough to buoy prices without further financial intervention. He also said he doubted funding would be The Chinese government has available, adding that authori-nnounced plans to lend funds ties might quietly shelve the

The latest details of the plan as outlined in the Shenzhen Special Zone Daily included measures to control the size of the market in A shares, which are traded in yuan and restricted to Chinese investors, by banming new issues and limiting

rights issues for two years. Other measures included lower transaction fees for trading in both locally owned and foreign-owned shares and steps to encourage the emergence of large institutional investors (Reuters, Bloomberg)

TOKYO - In a rare and

embarrassing setback for a Japanese brokerage, Daiwa Securities Co. on Wednesday with-

drew a 20 billion yen (\$197 million) bond issue for Petro-

leos Méxicanos SA after other

underwriters spurned the deal

"A mass rapid-transport sys-

tem has become an urgency to serve the vast majority of the

as too expensive.

Ansett Sets Its Sights on Asia

SYDNEY - Ansett Airlines. Australia's most popular domestic carrier, is rolling out an aggressive promotion strategy aimed at winning a slice of the rapidly growing Asian market from its rival,

Quatas Airways Ltd. Ansett is starting service to Hong Kong and to Osaka's new Kansai Airport in Japan next month, and it is forging tie-ups with regional carriers for future service in the re-

But the big question is bow long and how much money it will take for Ansett to build a presence in the region rivaling that of Qantas, whose name in world airline circles is virtually synonymous with Australia.

"To move from a domestic operator to be as internationally recognized as Oantas. they have a long way to go," said Peter Harbison, manag-

Services, a consulting firm.

Ansett Transport Industries Ltd., the airline's holding company, is owned equally by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. and the Sydney transport group TNT Ltd. The airline has no immediate plans to hit the tarmac in Europe or North America during its first big flight into the global airline industry.

Graeme McMahon, Ansett's managing director and chief executive officer, said the airline would focus on Asia for its international push.

"We're going to continue our approach in the Asian region, and therefore we don't expect to compete with Qan-las on worldwide basis, but we do expect to expand in the Asia region," Mr. McMahon

ing director at BDW Aviation million Australian dollars (\$37 million) for the first year of the expansion, from its new Hong Kong and Osaka routes, and a small profit in the second year.

> The airline plans to add service to Singapore. Thailand, South Korea and Malaysia after the service to Hong Kong and Japan is launched. Ansett also hopes to expand in Indonesia beyoud its current route to Bali.

But starting such service almost always entails initial losses. Ansett already bas shelved plans to open routes in Malaysia, Singapore and South Korea around Septem-

Competition from Qantas, which has operated in the region since the 1930s, promises to be fierce.

We see Ansett as sort of a minnow," said David Row-He said he expected the air-line to post a loss of about 50 minnow," said David Row-ley, a spokesman for Qantas.

Taiwan Boycott Caps Cathay Net

HONG KONG - Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. said Wednesday its first-half net profit rose a less-than-expected 18 percent because of a boycott by Taiwan of tours to China. overcapacity in the industry and Hong Kong's high inflation.

Hong Kong's main international airline. which is controlled by Swire Pacific Ltd., said it earned 803 million Hong Kong dollars (\$104 million) in the first six months of 1994,

Cathay said revenue rose to 12.39 billion dollars from 11.02 billion dollars.

thay, warned that rising costs and an increase in flight capacity in Asia continued to haunt the region's airlines.

He said Taiwan's boycott of tours to China had cost Cathay between 50 million and 100 million dollars. Although the boycott was called off at the end of May, the number of people traveling through Hong Kong to China from Taiwan has yet to return to previous

Analysts said the Taiwan-Hong Kong route usually accounted for 22 percent to 23 percent of Cathay's operating profit.

(Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg)

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Mieno Says **Economy** Is on Track

Bloomberg Business News

TOKYO - The economy is heading toward recovery, although weak investment by corporations and growing unemployment remain a concern. Yasushi Mieno, the Bank of Japan's governor, said Wednesday.

Mr. Mieno said the hot summer in Japan appeared to have stimulated consumer spending. which economists view as the engine for the fragile recovery. But Mr. Mieno said that the benefits may be temporary and that possible water shortages may slow factory production.

He said the central bank would continue to watch economic developments to monitor the pace and sustainability of the recovery.

Noting the dollar's rebound against the yen, Mr. Mieno said exchange rates remained a concern for Japan. The country's economy is highly dependent on exports, and a stronger dollar increases the yen value of Japanese export sales. The dollar was fixed at 101.20 yen in Tokyo on Wednesday, as the U.S. currency continued to recover from historie lows below 97 yen set last month.

While lending by Japanese banks remains sluggish, Mr. Mieno said he believed that long-term and short-term lending rates would eventually settle at appropriate levels for current economie conditions.

Given the fragile nature of the recovery, the Bank of Japan has been walking a tightrope on monetary policy as it sets daily overnight interbank interest rates. The right steps will nur-

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TAIPEI - The government plans to speed its privatization program by offering shares in five companies totaling 26.6 billion Taiwan dollars (\$1 billion) by June 1996, officials said

Shares in Taiwan Fertilizer, China Steel. Yang Ming Marine Transportation, Farmers Bank of China and Chiao Tung Bank will be offered beginning in June 1995, they said.

Taiwan's cabinet in July 1989 put 22 govtion list.

The sales were expected to streamline the companies' managements and cushion a financial enunch caused by the issuance of 1 trillion dollars of bonds in the past few years.

According to government statistics, public companies generated an estimated 80 billion dollars in revenue in fiscal 1994, accounting for 7.5 percent of total government income. Government enterprises have been under

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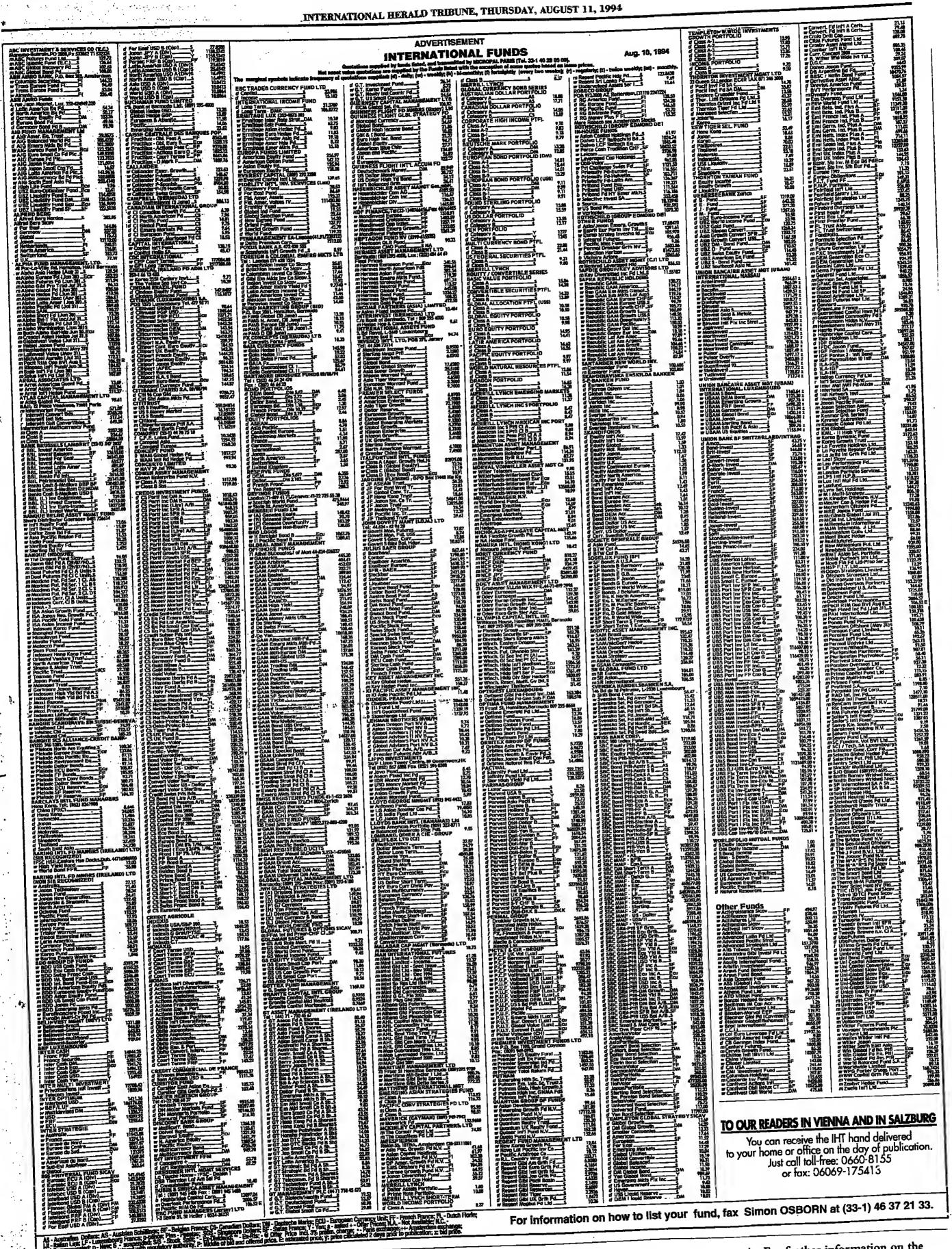
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An Irish Championship, Thanks to the Chinese

By Ian Thomsen nal Herald Tribune

HELSINKI - A mile remained in the two-woman race that would produce Sonia O'Sullivan's first major title, a 3,000-meter event that was, oddiy, all about China. Of all the thoughts that

crossed her mind over all the dreamy childhood miles she ran across Ireland, surely the Chinese did oot figure in them. O'Sullivan grew up to become Ireland's finest woman athlete, at 24 her stardom surpassed only by Jack Charlton's soccer players; with 800 meters to go Wednesday and oo other rival in sight she took to running on the leader's shoulder, to make sure Yvonne Murray of Britain realized that the Irish lass was in the oeighborhood - a Chinese lesson for sure.

In any other year but 1993, O'Sullivan would have become a world champion twice. In 1993, however, running as the rest of the world has always sought to run, she was overtaken by a Chinese horde fueled by daily marathon training, fresh turtle blood and whatever else. All this summer, as she was setting four records (world, European and Irish) in three events over an 11-day period in July, she promised that the Chinese had strengthened her.

Entering the final turn a halfstep ahead of Murray, O'Sullivan came out of it with a lead of 10 strides, which she then built into a victory of oearly five seconds because if only in her imagination, she had stopped raciog against the likes of Yvonne Murray a summer ago. She tore looesome down the last straight as if escaping a pack of Chinese women. She woo in a time of 8 minutes, 31.84 seconds, her smile betraying the

Murray was second in

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in a personal best of 8:40.08. Earlier in the evening. Lyu- Diagana was overtaken at the bov Gurina brought to mind last step to finish third in 48.23 ning now for Russia, and residing in Paris.

Her chances improved last weekend when the Olympic champion Ellen Van Langen of the Netherlands withdrew being in a major way from her cause of a strained hamstring, placing of 11th in the world The race began in front of a smaller crowd than met her 11 years ago, on an evening cooled by morning rains, and Gurina held the lead entering the last turn. Down the stretch another Dukhnova of Belarus, taller and nine years the younger, caught up and ran shoulder to shoulder with Gurina. One or the other figured to lever herself ahead, but their times were locked together: 1:58.55.

A computer matched the clocks against the photographs 8.01 meters. and it was decided that Gurina And in the was champion. The two shared the victory lap, though this time Dukhnova deferred much more space to her elder. Another Russian, Lyudmila Rogachova, finisbed third in 1;58.69.

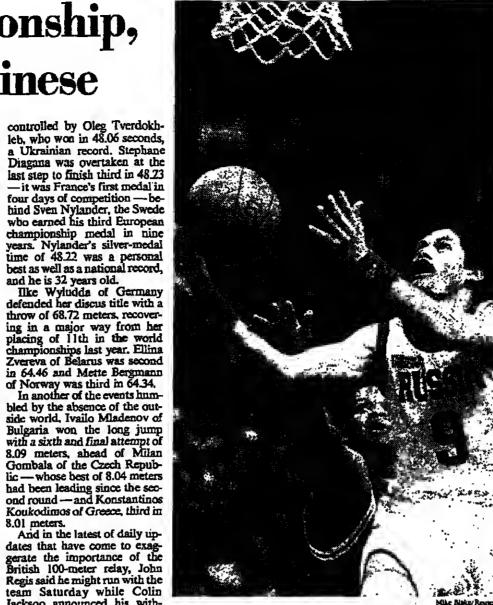
The 400-meter hurdles were drawal.

a Ukrainian record. Stephane

the world championships of —it was France's first medal in 1983, held in this stadium, when four days of competition — beshe won a silver medal in the hind Sven Nylander, the Swede 800 meters for the Soviet who earned his third European Union. Oo Wednesday she re- championship medal in nine turned to become the oldest Eu- years. Nylander's silver-medal ropean champion, at 37, run-time of 48.22 was a personal best as well as a national record, and he is 32 years old. Ilke Wyludda of Germany

championships last year. Ellina Zvereva of Belarus was second in 64.46 and Mette Bergmann of Norway was third in 64.34. In another of the events humbled by the absence of the outformer Soviet athlete, Natalia side world, Ivailo Mladenov of Bulgaria won the long jump with a sixth and final attempt of 8.09 meters, ahead of Milan Gombala of the Czech Repub-

> And in the latest of daily updates that have come to exag-gerate the importance of the British 100-meter relay, John Regis said he might run with the team Saturday while Colin Jacksoo announced his with-



Sergei Bazarevich scored 27 points in Russia's 101-85 defeat of Puerto Rico at the world championships.

Prima Donna Dilemmas

ONDON - How should we deal with these prima donnas, these soccer stars whose salaries, bonuses and advertizing monies make them more in a minute than a referee gets in a month of trying to control their outbursts?

I am a fan of Romário, whose uninhibited talent and unquenchable spirit last month took the World Cup back to Brazil, where it belongs. And Eric Cantona, on his good days, transcends the English stage on which he performs. He is the catalyst to triumphs, to style, for which Man-chester United had labored a quarter of a

There lies the dilemma. When they get above themselves, when they act as if right and wrong is a prerogative, when they become laws unto themselves, who puts them in their place?

It is very simple. Authority, by name FIFA or those players' federations, is re- Rob

sponsible for enforcing the rules

and standards of the game, whether the player be superstar or

FIFA this week has acted to protect the legacy of a much more tightly controlled, and consequently more expressive, World Cup. Long bans for villainy — notably against those elbowers Leonardo of Brazil and Mauro Tassotti of Italy - drove home the message that chears will not

Excellent. On Tuesday, the English FA, re-nowned for its iconoclastic resistance to "forcign" rule tampering, fell enthusiastically onside with FIFA. The FA circulated a seven-point charter, from the highest Premier League stadium club to the lowest school team, designed to protect the legacy of World Cup USA.

If all is carried out we shall be cleansed of malicious fouls, of dissent, of encroaching tactics, of stupid actors feigning injury, even of rude words. Those who have profited for years by systematic dirty play are on a losing streak.

For bow long? The leagues are setting up spies in the stands to observe and report on referees. Those scoring consistency low, those of failing sight or courage, will go.
It may not happen quite as insensitively as

FIFA's ticket home from Dallas for referees judged incompetent during the World Cup, but anyone who allows the new impetus to slip back will become an ex arbitro.

What has this to do with disciplining Romario or Cantona? They have been naughty boys again. before the oew seasons even kick off in Spain and England. Romário, as is his custom, has granted himself unsanctioned leave in Rio de Janeiro. Cantona, during a supposedly friendly match in Glasgow, took a vicious kick at a Rangers opponent last weekend that no referee could respond to with anything less than a sending off.

Moments earlier, Cantona had been shown the cautionary yellow card for insolently turning his back on the referee, Andrew Waddell, who was attempting to calm the Frenchman and his opponent. Waddell saw the red mist rising, Cantona was too fired up to see the red card coming.

There are no specific FIFA rules, as yet, telling chib directors and coaches how to control their most precious commodities. Johan Crayff, Romário's manager at Barcelona, has tried to order his wayward Brazilian back to the training field under threat of dire financial penalty.

Alex Ferguson, meanwhile, seeks to indulge Alex reguson, meanwine, seeks to manige Cantona, to excuse his willful kick at another professional's limb. "Love Eric or hate him, we're delighted we have him," the manager said defiantly. There were tackles going in from behind which aren't supposed to happen, and I think when Eric feels there is an injustice against him he has to prove to the whole world that he's

got to correct it." Ferguson's first utterances are often as banal as that. He rushes to protect his star. He thanks him for contributions that, I agree, can be entrancing. But no, no, no, Ferguson. This is no way to manage a public game. And Cantona, suspended three times last season, does not frigh innocence or contrition.

"It's my nature to react the way I do," he told L'Equipe, the French sports paper. "It's an instinct, and to hell with people who are not happy

To hell with everyone? Even those who would go to the ends of the earth to argue an artiste's rights to protection against destruction? Even grownings who dote on flair as if we were children? Even real children who take good and bad indiscriminantly from Cantona's example?

Perhaps we were hasty to spring to his side in Pasadena last month when a zealous policeman slapped handcuffs on him in the press area for speaking out of turn. Perhaps a couple of weeks in the cooler might have spared soccer that ugly preseason flash of temper.

Cantona will now be banned again, probably for three games, depriving his team of his skills. He might ponder where his devil-may-care attitude is leading his own young son. Or he might be a different, more responsible man at home.

R OMARIO, TOO, is a home bird. His World Cup was almost as angelic as his looks, but now he is back to being a mant. Cruyff con-demns it as lacking respect for his Barcelona colleagues; Romário's well-rehearsed retort is that teammates love him to death when be scores

Cruyff, forgetting his own rebelliousness as a player, feels personally insulted. He sees his authority being put on the line. He tells the media that Romario can stay away for good if he buys up his contract for \$11.23 million.

Cheap talk. Brazilians are throwing more than garlands at Romário. Everyone knows he will wantler back, sheepishly repentant, once be gets away from his beach buddies.

And I wonder, if Romario's inner barometer is not right this once. After the way he ran himself into the ground for Brazil, after the World Cap hot house so closely following the Spanish championship and European Cup final, maybe he did need a holiday. And maybe Cruyff should have known that.

U.S. - and Russia - Now 4-0 in Toronto

TORONTO - There are still three unbeaten teams at the World Championship of Bas-

There's Dream Team II, the prohibitive favorite for the gold medal, and there's Croatia, the heavy favorite for the silver. And, there's Russia, a young team that came into this tourna-

ment off a fourth-place finish at the Goodwill Games. A 101-85 victory over Puerto

game gave Russia a 4-0 record, Puerto Rico in the semifinals are two taleoted forwards, the same as the United States and then to a team of U.S. colleand Croatia.

"I am the only player on our team who has played in a world burg we were up by 13 points championship," said Sergei Ba-zarevich, 29, who scored 27 17-2 over the next 10 minutes," points. What I was worried Bazarevich said. From my point about was that I didn't think of view, the second-half collapse the younger players knew what was something almost impossi-it was like on this level. They bie to explain and we didn't

based Lombardy regional government caped with superficial burns when the fire headquarters to protest the destruction of broke out during a refuelling stop.

gians for the bronze.

"At halftime at St. Petershave surprised me with the way bave an explanation anyway."

they have played."

Andrei Fetisov, a second-

A 101-85 victory over Puerto
Rico oo Tuesday night in its
first quarterfinal round-robin

Russia already has dooe betround draft pick the Boston
ter than it did last month, when Celtics traded to the Milwaukee
it lost to eventual gold medalist
Bucks, and Mikhail Mikhailov

After studying a report from Intertech-nique, the French manufacturer of the

Grand Prix refuelling equipment, FIA said in a statement: "The fuel spillage was

caused by a valve failing to close properly.

The valve was slow to close due to the

"The foreign body is believed to have reached the valve because a filter designed

to eliminate the risk had been deliberately

Uoder FIA rules, such equipment "must

not be modified in any way whatsoever."
(AP. AFP, Reuters)

presence of a foreign body.

while Sergei Babkov is a fine outside shooter to complement Bazarevich's driving ability. The U.S. team made 14 of 22 3-pointers in its 130-74 ront of

Australia. Reggie Miller scored 23 of his 31 points in the first I1 minutes of the second half. He and Mark Price both took six 3point shots, and each made five.

"The papers here said that outside shooting might be one of our weaknesses," said fellow guard Kevin Johnson, "Reggie and Mark took it on themselves to prove that wrong."

Price got 17 points, making six of seven shots overall. All 12 members of the team are now shooting better than 50 percent from the field, and have surpassed Dream Team I's 117.3 average in the 1992 Olympics.
Andrew Gaze led Australia

with 23 points. Shaquille O'Neal, leading the U.S. team with a 20.3 average, did not play the second half and finished with six points. He has been bothered by a stiff back.

In classification round games: Spain 94, Egypt 52; Argentina 105, South Korea 83; Cuba 75, Angola 71; and Germany 96, Brazil 76.

Zagalo Will Coach Brazil

MAST, TE SCURN DOGS!

RIO DE JANEIRO -- Mario galo."

Zagalo, who coached Brazil to the World Cup title in 1970, was hired Wednesday to succeed Carlos Alberto Parreira as coach of the national team.

Zagalo, 63, a player on the teams that won the World Cup in 1958 and 1962, was Parreira's assistant this year as Brazil won its fourth title. This will be his third stint as coach.

"I will continue the work we started," Zagalo said. "Before three-time champions: myself

CALVIN AND HOBBES

and Pele. Now there is only Za-

• Brazilian defender Mazinho is to join the Spanish first division club Valencia, now season loan deal, a club spokesman said. Mazinho was released by the Brazilian club

• Belgium World Cup defender Philippe Albert was bought by the English club Newcastle United for \$3.9 million from the Belgian first divithis Cup there were only two sion club Anderlecht and signed to a four-year contract.

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MILAN - A plan to cut down trees at

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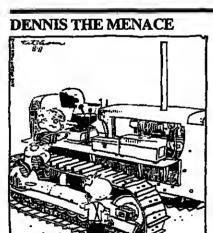
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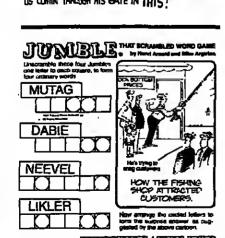
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Plans for Italian Grand Prix Are Given Another Flat Tire

Although the mayor of Monza plans to

appeal the decision to a court, such an

appeal cannot be heard until Aug. 18, leaving little time before the Sept. II race.

to appear before a hearing Oct. 19 to

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In Paris, FIA ordered the Benetton team-



















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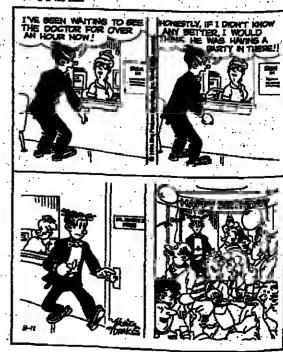




THE FAR SIDE



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SPORTS



In Chicago, some young fans had a message for the major league players.

The Owners Are Playing With a Stacked Deck ket to small-market cluhs, and to preserve most other arrangements. The cap would forever, the owners have indicated that it forever, the owners have indicated that it

By Henry J. Aaron

The writer, who is director of economic studies at the Brookings Institution, a research organization, was a player-appointed member of the committee to study the eco-nomic status of baseball. He wrote this for The Washington Post.

WASHINGTON -- Major league baseball owners and players seem bent on pre-serving their streak of failing to settle con-tract disputes without a work stoppage.

tract disputes without a work stoppage.

To understand what is going on, it is necessary to recognize that three parties are involved, not just two. The three groups are the players, the owners of so-called large-market clubs and the owners of small-market clubs. The real antagonists are the players and the large-market clubs. Both are trying to win the support clubs. Both are trying to win the support of, or at least a grudging alliance with, the owners of small-market clubs.

Such large-market clubs as the Mets, Yankees, Cubs, White Sox and Dodgers have access to metropolitan areas that generate large attendance and high local television revenues. These teams can pay large salaries and still make large profits. Smallmarket clubs pay smaller salaries to players, on the average, than do large clubs. But because their gate receipts and local television revenues are smaller, they have a hard time making a profit. Many report losses.

The fight is over what to do about this. The owners propose to cap salaries as a share of defined revenues, to transfer a modest amount of revenue from large-mar-

reduce total player compensation and increase the revenues of small-market clubs.

The reduction in overall player compensation would be larger than the amount being transferred from large-market to small-market clubs. This means that the profits of the large-market clubs would increase. Thus, the owners are asking that their players provide relief for small-market clubs plus a bonus for large-market ones.

The players understandably consider this unfair. They point out that baseball as a whole has been profitable, even according to the teams' own reports. Moreover, these reports understate baseball profits for at least three reasons: Some clubs make sweetheart deals

with TV, radio or cable networks that belong to the club owners. The profits show up in the books of the media company, not those of the baseball team. Some team profits are almost certainly

being recorded as team expenses.

Some clubs charge far more to front

office expenses than other clubs do. In this way, several million dollars a year per cluh may be classified as baseball expenses when they are really payments to owners or expenses of other businesses in which the owners are involved. Keeping reported team profits low is a great convenience when the owners solicit large stadium subsidies from state or local governments.

The owners neglect to include as income the revenues from fees paid for expansion-

will go on for a good while longer. Expansion revenues, which will continue for many years, should not be ignored.

The sales prices of baseball teams cast doubt on the claims that baseball is in financial trouble. Expansion-club rights sell for fees and forgone revenues of approximately \$100 million each. Existing clubs sell for similar or larger sums.

The hard evidence of the prices that owners demand - and get - for baseball franchises destroys the claims that haseball as a whole or most franchises are in financial difficulty. The contention that a salary cap is necessary to save haseball is simply indefensible.

It is, however, quite understandable. Players as a group will earn about \$1 billion in 1994 if the season is completed. A salary cap that cut player salaries by one-fifth would increase team profits by \$200 million. At a capitalization rate of 10 percent, such a cap would increase the value of haseball teams by about \$2 hil-lion, or more than \$70 million per club. This gain would hot be equally divided.

however. Some of the financially weaker chibs might not be able to survive an extended work stoppage. Others would actually be hurt by the new arrangements proposed by the owners.

The reason is that the owners are also proposing that each club must pay at least a minimum total amount in salary. This minimum exceeds what some clubs are

better than a wasb. Owners in both of these groups stand to lose more from a strike than from a continuation of current rules. even if the owners win and especially if they lose. While not natural allies of the players, these clubs want to negotiate a settlement without forcing a stoppage.

Despite the general financial health of baseball, a few clubs are almost certainly losing money. One solution to the problem is for the owners to centrally coordinate the marketing of television, a measure that would increase overall baseball TV revenues and prevent fat local TV contracts from magnifying revenue disparities among the clubs. Another would be to increase the share of gate receipts distrib-

uted equally among the clubs.

It is easy to understand why the owners of the highest-revenue clubs would not want to give revenues to the lowest-revenue clubs. But it is hard to credit the claim that financial disparities threaten the competitive balance of baseball.

Of the six clubs believed to have had the highest revenues in 1992 and 1993, two are playing less than .500 ball in 1994. Of the five clubs believed to have had the lowest revenues in 1992 and 1993, two are playing better than .500 hall, including the Expos, the team with the best record in the major

Baseball is financially and competitively

Mariners Win Again, West 'Race' Tightens

Because no one knows for sure when the season will end, and since the Texas Rangers have only one game left before the strike deadline, said their manager, Kevin Kennedy, "Ill treat tomorrow like it's all or nothing. Everybody will be in the bullpen."

The Rangers, with an 8-5 loss to the Seattle Mariners, as Tino Martinez homered for the third straight game, dropped to a sea-

AL ROUNDUP

son-worst nine games under 500 Tuesday night. But that was still good enough for a half-game lead over Oakland in the

Texas' last game before Fri-day's strike date would be played at home Wednesday night against the Mariners. The Athletics play Chicago on afternoon and Seattle on Thursday night.

At 52-61, Texas has the same record as Detroit, which is last in the AL East, and Milwaukee, last in the AL Central.

The Mariners, meanwhile, have won four in a row and they improved to 8-1 against the Rangers this season. Thatpulled Scattle within 31/2 games

of first place. "My main concern about the strike is that it may not last long and we have to be close," Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. said. "We

have a chance to get it close." Athletics 4, White Sox 2: Ruben Sierra, having twice struck out swinging earlier, homered during a three-run rally in the eighth that lifted Oakland over

visiting Chicago.
Frank Thomas of the White
Sox was 0-for-8 in the first two games of the series at the Oakland Coliseum, dropping his av-

erage to .354. Royals 5, Angels 3: Mike Macfarlane opened the 11th in-

ning with a home run and Kansas City went on to win at California ending a three-game losing streak that matched its longest of the season. Bo Jackson hit a two-run

homer in the eighth that tied it for the Angels. But Macfarlane homered off Mark Leiter and Felix Jose and Gary Gaetti followed with doubles. Orioles 6, Yankees 5: Brady

Anderson's two-run single drove in the winning run in the sixth as visiting Baltimore's Ja-mie Moyer pitched in and out of trouble all game hut managed to beat New York for the first time in his career.

Blue Jays 12, Indians 5: Domingo Cedeno drove in three runs and Toronto tied a season high with 17 hits against visiting Cleveland

Every starter_for the Blue_ Jays scored, with Cedeno, Ed Sprague and Mike Huff each

and Ruben Amaro each homered for Cleveland.

Tigers 10, Brewers 4: Cecil Fielder hit a grand slam and two sacrifice flies, driving in a season-high six runs, as Detroit beat visiting Milwaukee.

Alan Trammell and Mickey

Tettleton hit two-run homers and Lou Whitaker had four singles for the Tigers.

Twins 4, Red Sox 3: Pinchrunner Pat Mahomes became the first AL pitcher to score a run this season, winning the game on Bosotn reliever Todd Frohwirth's throwing error in the 12th ioning at the Metro-

Mahomes made his first pinch-running appearance in the majors, replacing Kent Hrbck, and scored his first run. The last AL pitcher to score was Erik Hanson, who did it twice last year as a pinch-runner for



er had to tidy up after fans made their displeasure known.

Owners and Players Plan Strike Details

By Richard Justice

NEW YORK -If there were any doubts remaining that ma-jor league baseball was headed for a strike Friday, they were all but erased when a scheduled negotiating session on noneconomic issues was abruptly canceled by the owners in favor of one dealing with the mechanics of formally closing down the

So with the players scheduled to go on strike after Thursday's games, the two sides huddled Tuesday to discuss matters such as who pays for transportation costs to get players home when the strike begins, whether injured players will continue to receive medical treatment during the strike, and whether players will be allowed to use club exercise equipment during

For about the only time in these negotiations, the sides quickly agreed to most issues.

Myers relieved that inning af-

ter Steve Trachsel had held the

Giants to five hits. Todd Ben-

zinger singled with one out for his third hit. With two down,

Myers walked pinch-hitters

The players will pay their own transportation costs. The cluhs will continue to provide medical treatment. Players cannot use team property.

"These are loose ends that must be tied up when you anticipate a strike, "said Richard Ravitch, the chief negotiator for the owners, "It's customary to go over these matters and make sure things are taken care of,"

The players and owners did agree to hold their first full bargaining session in six days on Wednesday morning. But the sides seemed so comented into their positions that no one was expecting anything except more disagreements.

"We'll give them an opportu-nity," said the union bead, Donald Fehr, "If there's not a lot new and different to talk about, it'll be a short meeting." Mr. Ravitch was no more optimistic, saying, "There's been no substantive progress in the

negotiations." Once the strike begins, the argument becomes a test of wills. Several owners have speculated that the strike could spill into next season and that their

side, at least, is prepared for it. "The owners have always underestimated the strength of the union," Mr. Ravitch said. "Believe me, we don't this time. I hope the players don't underestimate the unity the owners have this time. I hope they don't. Donald may have a vision that there are owners on

the phone with me all night and day telling me to do X, Y and Z. McGriff hit a two-run homer Not a single owner has called and drove in three runs as At-lanta continued to dominate modification in our proposal. Not a single owner. Everything that has hap-

homer in the last two games helped the Braves improve their record to 11-0 in Mile High Stathem is, 'As long as it takes.'

Sandy Alomar, Paul Sorrento In Yankee Stadium, right fielder Paul O'Neill and a gu Reds Defeat Dodgers, Hike Lead to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in Central al League Central to 14 games (8-5), who then left the game homer with one out in the bot-

The Associated Press There are many theories on how to hit a knuckleball, yet most baseball people insist that none work.

Reggie Sanders of the Cincinnati Reds, who has some ideas of his own, pat one to use Tuesday night, and it led to the defeat of Los Angeles flutterballer Tom Candiotti.

"I told myself to stay back," Sanders said after hitting a tworun homer in a decisive five-run fourth inning that gave the Reds a 5-3 victory over the visiting Dodgers. With a knuckleball, you can't go out and get it. You've got to let it come to you."

As a result, the Reds in-

The Dodgers, despite a loss Ashby, who allowed six hits

creased their lead in the Nation-

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The Michael Jordan Watch

MONDAY'S GAME: Jordon went 1-for-3 in

that evened their record at 56-56, lead San Francisco by three games in the West with the baseball strike looming Friday. Padres 4, Astros 3: Andy

NL ROUNDUP while striking out seven and walking one in eight innings, scored the go-ahead run in the eighth as visiting San Diego ended Houston's six-game win-

ning streak.

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plicher, from 15-day displied list, Optioned John Floherty, calcher, is Taledo, IL. KANSAS CITY—Put Dave Henderson, outlieder, on 15-day displied list, retroactive to July 38. Booghf contract of Dwayne Hosey, autifieder, from Omoho, AA. NEW YORK—Optioned Sterling Hilchcock, plicher, to Columbus, (L. SEATTLE—Signed Lee Guetterman, plicher, to Colsory, PCL. Recalled Bob Wells, pitcher, from Calgary, PCL. Optioned Roper Sotted, allicher, to Calsony, PCL. Optioned Roper Sotted, allicher, to Calsony.

Tony Gwynn went 2-for-4 to

raise his average to .393. Expos 4, Pirates 3: Visiting Montreal won for the 19th time in 21 games as Marquis Grissom halted a 2-for-25 slump by going 4-for-5 with two RBIs.

Since losing four straight to San Francisco immediately after the All-Star break, the Expos (73-39) have been beaten just twice in three weeks and are 34 games over .500 for the first time in franchise history.

Marlins 5, Cardinals 3: eighth against Shane Reynolds Chuck Carr hit a two-run loaded single off Randy Myers

at League Central to 172 games over Houston as the Astros lost to San Diego.

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(2-3), who then left the game tom of the ninth to beat visiting to San Diego. off Mike Hampton later in the ending homer for the secondinning scored Ashby from third. year Marlins, who ended a seven-game home losing streak.

Phillies 5, Mets 1: Curt Schilling pitched a five-hitter against New York and Mariano Duncan, who struck out four times Monday night, hit a two-run homer as Philadelphia, playing at home, ended a five-game los-

ing streak. Lenny Dykstra, who had been in a 4-for-28 slump, went 3-for-4.

Giants 3, Cubs 2: San Francisco rallied to win when Darren Lewis hit a rwo-run, bases-

Darryl Strawberry and Steve Scarsone.

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record to 11-0 in Mile High Stadium. Overall, they have lost long the strong is going to be, only once in 21 games against the only answer you can give the second-year Rockies.

The PGA Field, Seen in a Crystal Ball

By Larry Dorman New York Times Service

TULSA, Oklahoma - It's a risky business trying to pick a winner from a field of 151 players in a golf tournament. a task made chancier still when the tournament is the Professional Golfer's Association Championship. The PGA, the year's final major, which begins Thursday at Southern Hills Country Club, has lately had more surprises than a magician's hat. In each of the past six years, the PGA

has been won by a player who had never before won a major championship. But, undaunted by the likelihood of being spectacularly wrong bere are the lists of "Ten Who Can" and "Five Who Can, but Won't" win the PGA Championship. Ten Who Can:

Greg Norman, 39, should do it this week. The golf course, which requires

length and accuracy off the tee, suits him. And be is overdue. Norman has finished out of the top 10 just four times in 15 tournaments this year, and two of those finishes were in majors (tied for 18th in the Masters, tied for 11th at the British Open). In last year's PGA, he lost a playoff to Paul Azinger.

• Nick Price, 37, is, to borrow from George Jones, botter than a \$2 pistol. He has won two of his last three tournaments and finished fourth in the other. Two years ago, he won his first major in Tulsa and since has won 15 times and finished in the top three on 25 occasions.

• Fred Couples, 34, has recovered from the back injury that surfaced in March. He won last week's Buick Open with a flourish, going 18 under par the last three rounds. His 7-iron to the final green that left a kick-in hirdie showed

that he is back to the form that made him one of the two best U.S. players.

· Ernie Els. 24, has been feeling under the weather lately, but he'll be ready hy Thursday. He has missed the cut in two previous PGAs, which doesn't mean a thing when viewed against his victory in the U.S. Open at Oakmont in June. His advantages are strength fto hit the ball out of the rough), length (to attack the par 5's) and touch on the greens.

• Corey Pavin, 34, is coming off a second-place finish, and two of the last three major championship winners fin-ished second the week before they won. The best player who hasn't won a major might just break through right here.

Nick Faldo, 37, was 32d at the Masters, missed the cut at the U.S. Open and fought his way to a tie for eighth at the British Open after an opening 75 that included a penalty for hitting the wrong ball. He's back on the right track. though. He tied for 11th last week and is putting the hall better.

Tom Kite, 44, is aching to add another major to his resume. He tied for ninth when the PGA was played here last, in 1982.

• Tom Lehman, 35, is emerging as a fine player of difficult golf courses. He came in second at the Masters, and his winning score of 20 under par at the Memorial was stunning. He bas the major-championship mentality — plenty of patience — and draws the ball off the tee. which should help him here.

• Loren Roberts, 39, came within a 5foot (11/2-meter) putt of winning the U.S. Open but has used the disappointment as a springboard rather than a hall and chain. He played very well at his first

British Open (tied for 24th), and his straight driving should keep him on the leader board this week. He putts so well that caddies have dubbed him "Boss of the Moss." David Edwards, 38, lives in Ed-

mond, Oklahoma, 100 miles (160 kilometers) away, went to school at Oklahoma State, 65 miles away, and knows the lay of the land at Southern Hills. Maybe he's n long shot, hut he keeps getting better. Five Who Can, but Won't: • Tom Watson, 44, did it again at the

British Open - hit the ball great, putted poorly down the stretch. Expect another heartbreaker here. • Bernhard Langer, 36, has just one

top 10 in a major since his Masters vic-tory last year. But he's still dangerous, if only for three rounds. • Colin Montgomerie, 31, fell apart in

the Monday playoff at Oakmont. He has come close twice now in majors and might come close again.

• David Frost, 34, is one of those enigmatic players who has the ability to

win majors but doesn't. He missed the cut at the U.S. Open this year, then won the next week at Hartford. He then missed the cut at the British. Go figure. Vijay Singh, 31, is a pure ball striker and won the Scandinavian Open two

weeks ago. He is not yet major championship ready, but he could come close, Still, if Norman plays the way he's

capable, the way he played at the Players Championship, where he shot 24 under par, then everyone else will be playing for second place. He looks confident. sounds confident, and if the putts fall, the Shark will land the major that got away in 1986 and 1993.

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Looking for Di

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, chowder when the knock came.

Massachusetts — What I opened the door to find four happened was that just when everyone had been reconciled to the fact that President and Mrs. Clinton had decided to come hack to the Vineyard for their vacation, word got out that Princess Di was already on the island. We discovered this

only by accident when 14 DC-10 air-planes and 25 Huey helicopters started to buzz the beaches, and a fleet of landing стаft, loaded with paparazzi and reporters

from all the

Buchwald English newspapers, sailed into the port of Vineyard Haven, their binoculars searching the houses on shore.

Di's arrival came as a complete surprise to us, although we're used to handling famous people. (Barbra Streisand was on the island last year, and people didn't miss a minute of their sunbathing.) But Di's arrival was so world-shaking that even the blasé tennis players couldn't get in their first serve.

I was home making clam

Japanese Film Festival To Be Held in Kyoto

TOKYO - More than 150 films are entered in the seventh Tokyo international film festival, to be held from Sept. 24 to Oct. 2, this year in Kyoto, the organizing committee said

The festival, which originated in Tokyo, will be held in Kyoto as one of the events commemorating the 1,200th anniversary of the founding of the western Jap-anese city. The committee said 154 films would be shown, and prizes would be awarded in two categories: the international competition and young cinema.

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I opened the door to find four photographers, their cameras aimed at my head, and three reporters from the Daily Telegraph, the Daily Mirror and the News of the World, who

brushed past me. "Where is she?" one asked.
"She's not here," I said. "Do you mind if we search

the house?" another asked. "Be my guest," I told them. They spread out, looking in every closet and under the beds. One photographer went up to the attic and another to the

They came up empty except for three sleeping college students I forgot to throw out of the house after my daughter had invited them to stay for

"We know she's on the island," one of the photographers said. "And we will find her. We have a saying on Fleet Street: "The royal family can run, but they can't hide. If you know

Labor Day last year.

what is good for you, you will tell us where she is."

I was frightened. "If I knew, do you think I would keep it to myself? I haven't seen her— and she never called me. For all I know, she is really on Nantucket and started the rumor she was on the Vineyard to throw people off."

The Di expert from the News of the World said, "I know her every move. She put out the word she was going to Martha's Vineyard to have everyone think she was on Nantucket then she came to Martha's Vineyard at the last moment to have us all fooled. The royal family will do anything to make our jobs difficult."

The photographers started to eat my clam chowder so I decided it was time to get them to

"You guys might try the nude beach at Lucy Vincent. We have a saying on Martha's Vincyard: 'If you swim without a bathing suit, you can run, but you can't hide.'"

Keeping the Musical Horizons Wide Open

By Mike Zwerin
International Revold Tribine

PORI, Finland — Don Byron stumbled on the television interchant by recommendations. television interview by zapping in a hotel room on the road. The interviewee, a young African American filmmaker, was asked about influences on his work and replied that for him "Raisin in the Sun" was the only important movie. Having expected perhaps "Kurosawa" or "Bergman," Byron was dis-

Is this what being a black artist comes down to? Byron asked himself. Not being interested in anything outside your own direct experience is some-how cool? That's what makes a "good Brother?"
"Bird and Coltrane were interested in all kinds of

information," he said backstage at the Pori Jazz Festival, where his eight-piece klezmer band had just played the music of Mickey Katz for several thousand people. He continued: "I don't think that kind of narrow vision does African Americans a service."

An African American playing klezmer music has to have a wide vision indeed. Also a lonely one. Byron has put himself in a situation where, at the very least, he cannot be sure of warm welcomes. There are no support groups. There is no precedent to fall back on, no history to cite.

Klezmer is party and dance music that came out of the Jewish ghettos of Eastern Europe 400 years ago. In America, it developed into a mixture of ago. In America, it developed miles a mixture of Dixieland, Gypsy rhapsodies, plaintive Romanian doinas and a soundtrack for a Betty Boop cartoon. Artie Shaw and Benny Goodman started out as klezmer musicians playing bar mitzvahs and weddings. Ziggy Elman, Goodman's star trumpeter, exhibited more obvious klezmer roots. There are some hip klezmer quotes on Shaw's "Dr. Livingston, I Presume." American klezmer took on certain char-acteristics of New Orleans jazz, music of another repressed minority. Byron, who says that his trom-bone player Gary Valente plays klezmer with "that Charles Barkley first step," renews the genre much like the Dirty Dozen Brass Band renews the New

Mickey Katz became a sort of King of Klezmer after making comic vocal noises on records by Spike Jones and His City Slickers. You may remember "Cocktails for Two." Katz adapted klezmer to the Broadway song form, and Borscht Belt taste. His Yiddish cowboy song "Haim Afen Range" was a hit in western Brooklyn.

Byron chose to focus on Katz's material rather than delve into Eastern European roots because he and Katz have their American background in common and, having recorded LPs for major labels over a long period, Katz was more accessible. "If I go into a Yiddish record store," Byron says, "the very worst

I have to deal with is some fat nerdy guy Researching in Yiddish libraries, I can get major we so vibes."

Attending the New England Conservatory in Boston, Byron, who plays the clarinet, was a founding member of the conservatory's klezmer band. They stayed together for seven years and cut several albums. One reason for their success was that it was rare to have an accomplished jazzman playing the



Don Byron: Klezmer without a support group.

difficult lead klezmer clarinet parts usually played by folky amateurs. His klezmer records get rave

While going in and out of klezmer, Byron worked in a variety of musical styles as instrumentalist, arranger, composer and bandleader. He worked with Joe Henderson, David Murray, Hamiet Bluiett and Bill Frisell. He recorded the music of Stephen Sondheim. With klezmer "plus a few supplements" he could make a living. Most of the people he went to music school with don't play music at all any more. He does not take a musical living for granted.

It has been said that finding new material is now more important than new improvisations on old standards. By helping revive the klezmer tradition, Byron seems to have solved his source-material problem. However an African American playing Yiddish music that beg to be answered. Basically it comes down to this: Does all music belong to everyone?

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"I was interviewed by a TV person who asked me:
"Why don't you play hip hop?" She had just looked at
me and decided what kind of black person I was what my age and appearance would lead her to believe — and she superimposed that image on me. When somebody steps out of line there's usually an uneasy buzz in the air.

There's a certain kind of PC about a black person coming up to a white person and saying:
You sure play good for a white guy. But I don't see
so many Brothers exploring all that freedom we're
supposed to have. Remember all the fuss when
Living Color started to play rock? A lot of Brothers
think that Tracy Chapman and Sade should sing
more like Aretha Frankin. There should be just as
much diversity once to Afficer Americans as for much diversity open to African Americans as for

"I get really patronizing things all the time from Jewish guys. Like You certainly have mastered the idiom." People with European backgrounds expect to have the freedom to play anything. Try it on, see how it fits — blues, rhythm and blues, belop, whatever. But Brothers are supposed to play some kind of black music, period. Sure I mastered the idiom. Come on man don't do me any favors. I idion. Come on, man, don't do me any favors. I studied the roots of this music. I have sources, scores, books. I practiced hard.

"Basically, the jazz world is just about as segregated as the rest of America. You are never going to see a Brother in certain white bands. And there are

black cats who never even think about the fact that everybody they work with is black. There's all this negative stuff going on, everybody knows it and nobody talks about it. Personally, I like who I like and work with who I want. My world is fairly integrated, but, remember, I play the clarinet. I'm kind of a freak wherever I am."

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During the swing era, clarinet players were like guitar heros today. They were considered the sexiest guys in the band, many of them became leaders. Today, the instrument is definitely not PC. Byron has played some baritone saxophone — with Mario Bauza, for example — but he prefers the clarinet partly because he prefers the voice and also because "there are already too many guys out there playing saxophones."

Some cats I know tried to discredit Wynton [Marsais]. They said, 'He's a good classical player but he can't really play jazz.' Wynton could see that coming and he just chilied it out. He refused to talk about his classical playing. Maybe he was right. Maybe I should be more like that. Maybe I shouldn't be talking to your about klezmer. But I don't have to not play letterer to make combody believe I can not play klezmer to make somebody believe I can really play jazz when I'm not playing jazz."

PEOPLE

Brando as Gourmand: The Big Mac Breaks

A new Marien Brando biography portrays the actor as a voracious cater who used to break his diet by having Mc-Donald's employees toss Big Macs over the fence to him. Brando: The Biography," by Peter Manso, is excerpted in the September issue of Vanity Fair and is due out in October. On bad diet days, Brando paid Mo-Donald's workers to toss him food, according to Tom Papke, a former Brando aide. You'd find the mess in the morning. Several Big Macs, french fries — the whole thing," Papke said.

Hundreds of tourists strolled through the grounds of the Richard Nixon museum in Yorba Linda, California, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of his resignation from the presidency during the Watergate scandal. "I really wanted to come. It's a part of history," said Blair Lura, 12. Nixon, who died on April 22, resigned on Aug. 9, 1974.

CBS and David Letterman have made it official: Immediately after "Late Show with David Letterman" will be "Late, Late Show with Tom Snyder. Tom Snyder, a talk-show veteran, had his biggest impact on late-night television in the 1970s on NBC. Under his contract, Letterman's production company was given control of the show that would follow his.

While O. J. Simpson and his legions of attorneys prepare for trial, the folks at Fox studies are trying to get the movie on TV beforehand. The flick — once called "White Bronco" and now with the more sedate title "The O. J. Simpson Story" — will star Bobby Hosea and Jessiez Tuck. Fox has put the movie on a crash production schedule that will allow the film to be aired Sept. 13, a week before jury selection is to begin.

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WEATHER

Forecast for Friday through Sunday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

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